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## Fitial trips cost at least \$124K since FY07

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**G**ov. Benigno R. Fitial's trips within and outside the CNMI cost taxpayers at least \$124,399 between October 2007 and early August 2012—an average of almost \$25,000 a year, based on Department of Finance documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

This may not be the full amount, however, and is only based on Finance's account ledger print, and has yet to be cross-checked with almost 2-inch thick travel vouchers and travel authorizations, among



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### CHIEF JUSTICE NOMINEE

CNMI Supreme Court associate justice Alexandro C. Castro, front, addresses members of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations yesterday morning during a public hearing on his nomination as chief justice. Based on the support from community members and the senators themselves, Castro's nomination may be confirmed by the Senate as early as today.

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## PH advisory: NMI may not be viable job destination

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Citing the dire economic situation of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Philippines' Department of Labor and Employment has issued an advisory that urges Fili-

pino medical professionals to be cautious when accepting job offers on the islands.

"Due to the current economic situation, Saipan, the capital of CNMI, may not anymore be a viable destination for medical workers, or any other skills categories

for that matter," said Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz on Tuesday, as quoted in Philippine media reports.

In issuing the advisory, Baldoz cited an Aug. 21 report of the Philippine Consulate General

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## 'Diesel power for 18 cents per kWh is not possible'



Commonwealth Utilities Corp. deputy director for power system Wallon Young, right, testifies before the Special Committee on Impeachment yesterday. At left is CUC legal counsel Deborah Fisher.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. deputy director for power system Wallon Young told the Special Committee on Impeachment yesterday that there's "no way" and "not possible" to produce diesel power for 18 cents per kilowatt-hour even with the best diesel engine available—the rate that the Fitial administration claims to be among the reasons for pursuing a no-bid \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC.

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# Local

## AT SENATE EAGI PANEL'S PUBLIC HEARING

# 'Constitutional amendment needed to set Judiciary's budget'

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The governor's chief justice nominee, Associate Justice Alexandro C. Castro, told the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations yesterday that one of his missions is to push for a constitutional amendment to allow a constitutionally set budget for the third branch of government, the CNMI Judiciary.

"It must have adequate funding and the Constitution must set forth how much that adequate funding would be. The amount, at this time I do not know. I have to sit down with the judges and staff and look at a budget that is realistic to address judicial services on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," Castro told EAGI Committee chair Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) and the rest of the panel.

The fiscal year 2013 budget law gives the Judiciary over \$3.739 million, some 3.27 percent of the \$114-million projected revenue available for govern-

ment operations.

If confirmed by the Senate, Castro will serve an eight-year term in the CNMI Supreme Court.

The Senate will hold a session at 10am today in which senators could confirm Castro's nomination, less than a month since Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted his name to the Senate.

Castro has been an acting chief justice since the late chief justice Miguel S. Demapan stepped down last year.

The EAGI Committee received oral and written testimonies, all asking the Senate to confirm Castro's nomination. The committee chairman himself didn't ask the nominee any question and, like other senators, voiced his support for Castro.

The Senate gallery was filled with Castro's colleagues in the CNMI Judiciary, family, and supporters.

Those who personally testi-

fied and asked for the Senate's confirmation of Castro during yesterday's public hearing on Capital Hill included attorney Brien Sers Nicolas, press secretary Angel Demapan, former representative Ana Teregeyo and Board of Parole's Ramon B. Camacho.



Castro

Castro, in a brief interview with reporters after the hearing, said he's "humbled" and "very happy" to hear from those who testified before the committee. He said the decision rests with the Senate.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said he did not hear or know of anyone opposed to Castro's nomination so senators may vote on his confirmation today.

Castro, in his almost 20-minute address to the Senate panel, said he watched and participated in the transition of the islands' justice system from the Trust Territory era to the U.S. Commonwealth era.

When comparing the CNMI

to other parts of the world, he said the Commonwealth does a good job in maintaining the rule of law.

"Our justice system has succeeded in dispensing fair and consistent justice to our people and our judges have succeeded in issuing decisions that are up to par with other U.S. jurisdictions and territories. With that said, based on my experience, I believe that we can still continue to improve our delivery of judicial services on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, particularly in light of the economic downturn here and abroad," he told senators.

He cited ways to further the delivery of judicial services, including through adequate funding, training, and promoting alternative dispute resolution processes such as mediation, arbitration, and collaborative practice.

Castro said he will continue to support and monitor programs such as providing free legal assistance to the indigent in the Family Court Division, and investing in the youth.

"I will work closely with the executive and legislative branches of our government so we can deliver modern and efficient judicial services to our people," he added.

Dr. John B. Joyner, in presenting Castro to the committee, said the nominee is "indeed imminently qualified to champion the protection of individual rights."

The press secretary, in his testimony, said he actively campaigned for Castro's retention on the bench in 2005 "based solely on what I knew about him on a professional level."

"In that effort, I called atten-

tion to the importance of balance in the way our laws handle the challenges unique to our island cultures and traditions. It's been a quite some time since Justice Castro won his retention bid in 2005 by a resounding affirmation of over 10,000 voters—or 80 percent of the votes cast. This was no coincidence. It was a true reflection of the confidence of the people in a man who honorably wore the judicial robe with integrity and dignity," Demapan said.

He asked the Senate to do "what 10,000 voters did in 2005: Vote yes for Justice Castro."

## 'Uchiwa Project' seeks to fan tourists' interest in the CNMI

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Saipan Southern High School launched this week what it calls the "Uchiwa Project," which seeks to hand out free fans to tourists as a means to boost the entrepreneurial skills of students while promoting the Commonwealth as a destination.

The project was conceptualized by a 12-member team from SSHS that will vie for the Junior Achievement program honors in upcoming competitions.

The JA program aims to cultivate work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy among students by engaging them in the practical experience of running a business.

Every year, each public high school team forms and operates a business using "shares" as their starting capital. The group is guided by teacher advisers and private sector volunteers to come up with a business product that will be showcased in a trade fair and compete with one another.

Group president Yoshi Yagi and vice president Paul Mariano told *Saipan Tribune* that the "Uchiwa Project" aims to help the Commonwealth in promoting the destination, aid businesses in their marketing campaigns, help public schools with their essential needs, and develop members as good entrepreneurs.

"Uchiwa" is a Japanese word for "fan."

Yagi, a frequent traveler to

Japan, said that he was motivated to recommend the project for the JA competition because he saw the need to. If successful, SSHS will dedicate a booth at the airport for the distribution of the product.

The group targets to raise \$27,000 in capital, through sponsorships from the private sector, in order to produce 5,000 fans for tourists as they land at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Companies can sponsor ad space on these fans, which will then be marketed and promoted among tourists here and in Japan. The fans will be given to tourists for free.

"Japanese tourists really enjoy traveling to our island. As soon as they get off the plane, they want information that will immediately tell them 'what's best in this island.' This 'uchiwa' project can help them. It can immediately direct them to go to the best food places, for example," said Yagi.

The fans will also serve as "free" advertising material for businesses as tourists love to bring home souvenirs.

Any profit the group generates will stay with the school to assist other public schools that badly need help such as toiletries and other important supplies.

"Tourists always want something to remember the place they visited. In bringing these fans as souvenirs from their visit, we can potentially attract more visitors to come. When this happens, it will be a win-win situation," added Yagi.

## Arson investigators learn new techniques in fire inquiries

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Fire chief Thomas Manglona and nine other arson investigators completed Tuesday a 64-hour fire investigator training conducted by the International Association of Arson Investigators.

The training lasted eight days at the CNMI Office of Homeland Security Training Center on Capital Hill.

International Association of Arson Investigators past president Rodney J. Pevytoe and board member George A. Codding later issued certificates to the 10 firefighters as fire investigator technicians.

Aside from Manglona, the other participants were Lt. Kevin Aldan and firefighters Stanley Santos, Juan Climaco Laniyo, Nadia Saralu, Francisco Iginoef, Norman Skilling, Patrick George, Heinz Cabrera, and Joel Hocog.

Pevytoe said the training was designed for local firefighters to learn how to refine their techniques in the investigation of fires.

Pevytoe said some fires involve criminal activity so there is a need for investigators to determine the cause of the blaze.

The International Association of Arson Investigators is a worldwide association of people who investigate fires, with



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

International Association of Arson Investigators board of directors member George A. Codding explains the pattern of a fire during a demonstration before local arson investigators on Tuesday at the CNMI Office of Homeland Security Training Center on Capital Hill. Codding and the association's past president, Rodney J. Pevytoe, standing to Codding's right, conducted an eight-day Fire Investigator Training that was completed Tuesday.

the main goal of advancing the profession. They conduct a lot of training throughout the United States and other countries.

Pevytoe said he and Codding are impressed with the local arson investigators as they were enthusiastic, hardworking, and paid a lot of attention.

"I told the chief and I mean this...I will take anyone of these guys back to the States with me and I would love to work with

them," he said.

Manglona said the training was made possible through one of the fire grants that they applied for.

"One of the things that we want to look at is...to improve or refine our techniques and skills," Manglona said.

He said the course gave them a lot of information on updated investigation techniques, "...letting us know about the best

practices, technology on fire investigations."

Lt. Kevin Aldan said the training was a great learning experience and dispelled myths by providing scientific proof.

"The myths are old time beliefs from investigators and they passed it on to the next generation. Those trainers, they're here and they have to prove through science that those don't work anymore," he said.



# CHC gets 4 new defibrillators; conference call with Medicare set

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The Commonwealth Health Corp. finally received Tuesday a shipment of four new defibrillators for the CNMI's lone hospital, according to corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta.

Babauta also disclosed that a conference call with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is scheduled today to address the immediate jeopardy status slapped on the Commonwealth Health Center by a visiting Medicaid team last month.

The team—composed of Rufus Arther, Edgardo Japitana, Renie Soria, and Linda Brim—conducted the revisit survey of the hospital last month.

The hospital was first slapped with an immediate jeopardy status due to non-functioning defibrillators in key units. This was followed by two other major deficiencies found during the week-long inspection.

A defibrillator is an electronic device that treats life-threatening heartbeat irregularities.

An immediate jeopardy in-

dicates that a deficiency at the hospital has or is "likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment or death."

CHC has 23 days to rectify the deficiency or else Medicare funds will stop flowing to the hospital. CHC receives from \$8 million to \$10 million in Medicare reimbursement every year.

According to Babauta, the new defibrillators will be stationed at the emergency room,

intensive care unit, surgery, and operating room, replacing the existing units that are more than 20 years old.

Babauta said they decided to replace all defibrillators in the facility to comply with Medicare concerns about ensuring "reliability and access-

sibility" of the units at all times. He said the new defibrillators were bought using hospital revenue. Their acquisition was coordinated with Pacific

Biomedical Services, Inc. It is estimated that each defibrillator costs around \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Upon receipt of the shipment on Tuesday, biomed immediately did some initial checks. The units were later forwarded to the corporation's medical supply office for property tagging and to process completion of the order. Yesterday, biomed trained hospital employees on how to use the new machines.

In the scheduled conference call with Medicare today,

Babauta said the discussion will focus on the "immediate action plan" being enforced by the corporation to rectify all the deficiencies cited by the federal team.

He assured that Medicare receives daily updates on the corporation's plan of actions.

In order to lift the immediate jeopardy status, Medicare has to accept CHC's action plans. When asked as to when this would happen, Babauta said he cannot comment on the decision as it depends entirely on Medicare.



Babauta

## NMC wants to revise its mission statement, seeks public support

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The Northern Marianas College announced yesterday its support for the passage of Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12, and encouraged the public to vote "yes" on the measure in the upcoming November elections.

Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12 proposes to revise NMC's mission statement. It is one of the three measures up for ratification on Nov. 6.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., said the initiative was passed by the Legislature through the college's recommendation.

"We worked with the members of the Legislature in seeing this through the legislative process so that voters can decide on this important issue," Hart said.

If passed, the initiative will give the NMC Board of Regents the authority and flexibility to establish the college's mission statement. At present, the college is limited in its ability to revisit the mission statement as it is embedded in the CNMI Constitution.

NMC Student Services dean Leo Pangelinan said that the

only community college in the CNMI must evolve and grow to reflect the community it serves.

"Just as NMC must evolve and grow to reflect the community it serves, the changing economic landscape of the CNMI, and global trends in education, so too must its mission statement," said Pangelinan.

According to NMC officials, the initiative passage's would also help NMC comply with

accreditation standards. These standards state that NMC's mission statement should be reviewed regularly and revised when necessary.

"Without the passage of Initiative 17-12, the college will not be able to review the mission statement on a regular basis nor will it be able to make any revisions without undergoing a constitutional amendment, which can be a lengthy and arduous process," said Barbara Merfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services.



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# Couple, man facing 'ice' charges to plead guilty

A couple and a man facing "ice" charges in federal court have agreed to plead guilty as part of a plea deal.

The U.S. Attorney's Office informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that Robin Norita Sablan and his wife

Ofelia Pua Sablan have signed a plea agreement. In a separate case, Vicente Aldan Sablan, also known as Ben Seven, also signed a plea deal with the government.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona

set the change of plea hearing for the Sablan couple on Friday at 2:30pm. Vicente Sablan's change of plea hearing is scheduled today, Thursday, at 2:30pm.

The indictment charged Robin, Ofelia

Sablan, and Leonard Urumelag Ordonez with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine or "ice." The three allegedly conspired with other persons to distribute "ice" from June 10, 2010 until Aug. 22, 2012.

In addition, Robin Sablan was charged with one count of distribution of methamphetamine for allegedly distributing less than a gram of "ice" on

March 24, 2011.

The other indictment charged Vicente Sablan and Corrections officer Mariano Q. Falig Jr. with conspiracy to distribute "ice" and distribution of "ice." In addition, Falig was charged with using, carrying, or possession of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## More participants in PDM's Garapan cleanup

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More members of the Saipan Awaodori Team are participating in the monthly cleanup hosted by PDM Promoters, according to representative Sonia Siwa.

Siwa said yesterday that 17 Awaodori dancers from Koblerville took part in the Garapan cleanup last Saturday. Eleven other volunteers from Kinpachi Restaurant accompanied the young dancers.

The group picked up trash along Coral Tree Avenue to the Garapan Fire Station along Beach Road up to the Joten Hafa Adai Center area.

Siwa said the Saipan Awaodori Team members are being encouraged to join the monthly cleanups to instill in them the importance of the environment and what they can do to help maintain the island's natural beauty.

"We want to train them about environmental stewardship at an early age because they are the future of our islands," she added.

According to Siwa, Saipan Awaodori Team members volunteer for the cleanup as long as they don't have any school activities.

She said the young dancers are usually praised by their teachers for doing community service through the cleanup.

"It really boosts their morale know-



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Volunteers for the PDM Promoters monthly cleanup in Garapan pose for a group photo following the event last Oct. 6.

ing that people see their efforts to make the island a better place," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

A total of 780 lbs of trash were hauled during Saturday's cleanup, which is less than what the PDM volunteers normally collect.

Siwa attributed this to the removal of trash bins along Paseo de Marianas since the Garapan Street Market was moved to a different location. The old trash bins are mostly used by business

establishments in the area, which throw their garbage in those bins instead of having their own trash disposal system.

She noted that the trash they collected on Oct. 6 were mostly beer cans and bottles, some of which have been broken and smashed.

Siwa extended her appreciation to the Division of Environmental Quality for its continued support and to D&Q for providing refreshments to the volunteers.

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other things.

Travel advances ranged from \$175 to \$6,592.50 based on the ledger print.

However, samples of the travel authorizations and vouchers showed that one trip alone could cost up to \$17,000, inclusive of airfare, per diem, and so-called official representation.

A day trip to Rota in January this year, for example, cost \$312.75, inclusive of \$219 airfare with Freedom Air and per diem of \$93.75.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said this figure comes out to an average of \$24,880 per year, which he said is a "conservative amount considering that it includes travel within the CNMI and beyond the CNMI at a period when the Fitial administration was defending the Commonwealth's rights to self-government before U.S. Congress and related agencies."

Former representative and lieutenant governor Diego Benavente separately said the over \$124,000, if it's indeed the complete travel expenses of the governor, "doesn't seem a lot" in a five-year period.

But he said he would be interested to find out how much has been claimed for official representation on top of the per diem rate on all these trips.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said if

the official trips are justified, then it's okay. But he said the outcome of those trips should have been shared with the public for transparency.

These expenses do not include the governor's most recent three-week trip to Hawaii, American Samoa, Florida, California, and Idaho for official and personal reasons, in August. That was around the time a resolution impeaching the governor for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty was pre-filed and later introduced.

Among the governor's trips were those to Rota, Guam, Hawaii, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, and the U.S. mainland, many of which were to Washington, D.C. and California.

One of those trips to Washington, D.C. was in February 2010 when the governor and his companions dined on 13 lbs of lobster, racking up a restaurant billing of \$448.25 at The Palm Restaurant.

That bill is almost the equivalent of a biweekly payroll of a minimum wage earner in the CNMI, at \$5.55 an hour.

Some lawmakers said yesterday it should be disclosed whether this was claimed as "official representation" or included in the "per diem" rate. They said if the governor dined with fellow CNMI government officials who also had individual per diem, then the governor should not ask taxpayers to foot the bill in the guise of

official representation.

The press secretary asked whether the dinner receipt indicates who the governor was with.

"The governor, on numerous occasions, hosts meetings with other officials and business investors who express interest in coming to the CNMI. The governor knows this is nothing more than a smear campaign by Rep. [Janet] Maratita," Demapan said.

The press secretary said other elected officials' records should be examined.

"There are far more questionable expenditures than food. Quite frankly, the Fitial administration is proud of its record of having the lowest official representation expenses in our Commonwealth's history. And this is not hearsay, the record speaks for itself. The root of the problem is an absolute biased media who turn a blind eye on everything else not detrimental to this administration. Like that's supposed to solve the problems of the day," he said.

In August 2011, pictures of the governor, his staff, and other government officials dining on lobsters and steaks while traveling on taxpayer-paid official business raised some eyebrows, despite assurances from the administration that they stick to the standard per diem rate.

The circulated photos showed them having lobster and steak dinners during trips to Washington, D.C., California, or other places.

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on Saipan, which stated that possible opportunities for Filipino doctors and nurses at the lone hospital in the CNMI may occur as the medical facility is beset with resignations and demoralized staff. Due to the gloomy economic situation, however, the Commonwealth Health Center may not have the financial capacity to meet the payroll needs of new medical workers.

The report also said there is a virtual standstill in the operations of CHC, with no official declaration of any shutdown of operations having been announced but actual observation and news accounts still pointing to a *de facto* standstill.

Philippine Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig emphasized in a phone interview yesterday that the warning is based on CHC's current situation as reported by local media, which recently reported, among other things, the hospital's immediate jeopardy status as sanctioned by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the delayed salaries and unpaid housing benefits of

its personnel.

"It's a warning based on what we know from the ground here," explained Macaraig. "We made an analysis and we attached clippings of *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety* and the link to the KSPN news report. The analysis also covers details that we don't see in media reports. But that's only a warning."

"The situation is very fluid right now. We don't know what's going to happen. It's a question of financial resources," he added.

Calls and emails to officials of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. were not returned as of press time.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the administration continues to support efforts by the corporation to rectify its problems and stabilize the delivery of critical healthcare services in the CNMI, including the retention of medical professionals from the mainland and abroad.

"It is unfortunate that such an advisory was issued without taking the opportunity to discuss what actions are being undertaken by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to address its current challenges," added Demapan.

## DIESEL

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Young, who oversees the operations of CUC's power plants, was among the witnesses as the impeachment hearing in the House of Representatives entered its seventh day.

The hearings are in connection with a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty, including those in connection with the 25-year PPA.

Impeachment Committee chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said that Young's testimony was informative and shed more light on the sole-source power purchase agreement.

He said coming from a power engineer himself, the 18 cents being proposed is "impossible," and "that there's no engine on this planet that can generate electricity for 18 cents per kWh.

Deleon Guerrero also said it appears that the CNMI may be buying the full 50MW diesel power plant whether it needs to or not, thereby affecting the rates.

In his testimony, Young said that based on the information available so far about the PPA, it could still cost some 30 cents to produce a kilowatt hour of power using diesel engine.

This is not far from the 36 to 37 cents per kWh being charged CUC customers, Young and some lawmakers said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said, "The administration would like to know the basis for Mr. Young's conclusion."

"First they said a full analysis is needed to determine such. Now they're drawing their own conclusions. Which is it? The governor has consistently stated that CUC is a major roadblock to bringing costs of utilities and alternative energy to the CNMI because they have a special interest to keep rates high to support their own inflated payroll," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

In responding to a question from Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Young said the PPA would raise costs because 50MW would be required to be produced even though the needed power is much less than that.

He said there is over 70MW available power on Saipan, including those on standby. Young said the peak load is some 30MW, but the average load is less than that.

In his testimony, Young said a revised study CUC made in 2011 showed that the existing power plant 1 has a lifespan of 10 years or more.

Appearing with Young was CUC legal counsel Deborah Fisher.

The \$190.8-million PPA is also the subject of an ongoing court case filed by Reps. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), and the CNMI Senate.

Other witnesses called in yesterday were Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson and acting NMI Retirement Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan, to testify on other articles of impeachment connected to Fitial's alleged failure to remit full employer contributions to the Fund since 2006, thereby threatening the pension agency's solvency.





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# Fitial admin: Profit sharing still an option for any investor

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial developed a "profit sharing program" to entice businesses to invest in renewable energy development in the CNMI but the first company that signed such a deal with the government on Oct. 10, 2011 said Tuesday that it backed out from the agreement after its California-based investor for a \$40-million solar project thought it "risky."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for com-

ment on the issue, said that the profit sharing program "is an option that is available if it is determined to be beneficial to the Commonwealth."

But he said he is "not aware of others who may have availed of this program."

Under a profit-sharing program, the CNMI agrees to provide the lessee with public land access without charge until the decentralized, renewable energy program becomes profitable.

Herman Sablan, vice president for Eco Island Development, the local partner of American Capital Energy Co. or

## » \$40M solar energy investor's partner backs out of deal

ACE, said Tuesday that Eco Island backed out from the profit sharing deal last year.

Sablan said ACE, which was planning to invest some \$40 million to build and operate solar photovoltaic power plants on Saipan, said a profit sharing deal at the time was "risky" because there's no assurance a contract

could be had.

He said ACE instead decided to respond to a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. request for proposal on solar power plants. ACE was selected the best bidder.

"But like I said earlier, it's been a year and ACE is still waiting for a contract from the government. They have spent considerable amount already on this project and I am hoping they won't back out from this project

because it will help bring down cost of power to customers," Sablan said.

Sablan said this piece of information—that Eco Island /ACE backed out from the profit sharing deal last year—was unintentionally not shared on Monday.

Some lawmakers were poised to ask the Office of the Public Auditor to investigate this profit sharing program that Fitial and the Department of Public Lands signed with Eco Island Development president Shen Yen.

DPL acting secretary Ray Salas was still reviewing the profit sharing agreement signed last year with Eco Development. Salas was only recently named acting DPL secretary.

The profit sharing for the government is the amount to be paid to DPL based on the terms and conditions or rental payment schedules laid out in a

"lease agreement."

Profit-sharing will be included in the power purchase rate of 0.189 cents per kilowatt hour as signed in the PPA with a 5-percent increase every five years until the contract expiration.

About a month later or on Nov. 7, 2011, this MOA was amended to change the profit sharing from 5-percent increase every five years to 2.5 percent every year.

## Postponed leadership meeting

In other news, Fitial postponed once again Wednesday morning's leadership meeting with the Legislature to give way to a Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations' public hearing on the governor's chief justice nominee, Alexandro Castro.

Fitial postponed the leadership meeting once before, to give way to an ongoing budget conference committee

## Batterer intervention program to be launched in January 2013

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Commonwealth Health Center are working together to launch a program that seeks to change the behavior of domestic violence offenders.

The batterer's intervention program is a pilot program that would also require the involvement of the court by referring these persons to the program, according to coalition executive director Maisie B. Tenorio.

"Hopefully, it will change behaviors of batterers. There are different considerations between domestic and sexual batterers but on the domestic violence side, we're really trying to work with offenders to change their behavior," said Tenorio as she addressed the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting Tuesday.

The program aims for a January 2013 launching and will have two cycles. Each cycle can accommodate 12 individuals who will be part of the program for 26 weeks.

Tenorio said the program will be a first for the CNMI and would help victims living with domestic violence.

"A lot of times, victims stay with offender or batterers," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "Hopefully, this would be a way to help them build stronger families and have healthy and respectful relationships."

Tenorio noted that violence

is a learned behavior, thus the need for batterers to "unlearn it" by changing behaviors and learning to make choices.

"We really emphasize that language because people are not born violent. They learn about violence in the course of their experience, in their upbringing, the things they're exposed to, the choices they make," she explained.

In line with this year's theme for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October is "Choose peace, not violence," Tenorio said there are many ways that individuals within the community have ways to choose peace to end violence in the community.

These include providing role models of healthy relationships and teaching children about the use of respectful language when talking about other people and the existence of other cultures.

"All of these communities experience violence. Not one community is more vulnerable to violence—we all are. This is our community and everyone lives here so we really have to come together to solve the issue and end domestic violence," she said.

Another way of choosing peace is to get educated about domestic violence. "We encourage businesses to develop policies around domestic violence and work with employees who experience violence," she added.

For more information, call 234-3878.



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- Cannot find objects when hidden under 2 or 3 covers
- Cannot push a wheeled toy by age 2
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

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## ON LAWSUIT OVER \$190M POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

# Speaker, CUC ask court to reject notice of deposition

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REPORTER

House Speaker Eli Cabrera and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. have asked the Superior Court to quash the notice of deposition and the accompanying subpoena sent them by Reps. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Ray Anthony N. Yumul (R-Saipan) in connection with their lawsuit over the \$190.8-million

power purchase agreement.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Tuesday refused to rule on the deposition issue at this time, holding it in abeyance until a motion to dismiss the lawsuit is resolved.

Matthew T. Gregory, counsel for Cabrera, argued that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and his co-defendants in the case have a pending motion to dismiss and that no answer has been filed.

"Discovery, therefore, is pre-

mature and should not be permitted absent concerns relating to the health and future of the speaker," said Gregory in Cabrera's memorandum in support of the motion to quash.

As for the service of subpoena, Gregory said it was defective as no witness fee was tendered.

He said the court should not permit the abuse of subpoena powers to allow the Judiciary to intrude upon the impeachment

proceedings of the House of Representatives.

"Deposing the speaker of the House is merely an attempt to influence the proceedings regarding House Resolution 17-111," Gregory said.

CUC legal counsel Deborah E. Fisher asked the court to issue a protective order that prevents the deposition of CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher from going forward before pre-answer matters have

been decided and a scheduling order is entered in this case.

Fisher said CUC is formulating a response to the lawsuit and that there will be a hearing on the government's motion to dismiss on Oct. 11.

"Trying to prepare for a deposition at this time will interfere with CUC formulating its response to the lawsuit," Fisher added.

The plaintiffs' lawyer, Ramon K. Quichocho, has yet to reply

to Cabrera's and CUC's motion to quash.

The Senate and Reps. Maratita and Yumul are suing Fitial, former attorney general Edward Buckingham, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC. The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that the 25-year power purchase agreement "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

## Catholic Church kicks off today its celebration of Year of Faith

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Today marks the beginning of the Catholic Church's Year of Faith and the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is encouraging the Catholic faithful in the CNMI to renew their faith in the Risen Lord.

The onset of the celebration coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and its culmination on Nov. 24, 2013, corresponds to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official release of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Kenneth J. Hezel of the St. Jude Parish on Saipan said Tuesday that the Year of Faith is a call by Pope Benedict XVI to Catholic communities throughout the world to renew their missionary activity in three directions. These are the normal missionary activity among active Catholics within parishes, normal missionary activity among those who have never received the gospel, and missionary activity in nations that have already received the gospel but have grown less active in the practice of their Catholic faith.

"The Year of Faith really is re-evangelization or doing again what have been done before," said Hezel, adding that the event will serve as an opportunity to "rediscover the deep roots of our faith and how they

affect everyday life."

Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez, apostolic administrator for the diocese, said the predominantly Catholic community of the Northern Marianas is responding to the invitation for people to have renewed enthusiasm for their faith.

"There are a lot of people in our community who were born and baptized Catholics but somehow, the zeal is probably lost somewhere so we hope to rekindle that," he said in an interview.

Jimenez noted the need for Catholics in the Commonwealth to learn the contents of their faith and do more than just participate in "so-called traditions" such as fiestas, rosaries, and Masses for the dead.

He said a committee composed of representatives from each of the parishes is involved in the planning of the Year of Faith celebration, which will kick off today at 6pm with a Mass at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

The mass will feature Rev. Msgr. David C. Quitugua, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Agana, as main presider and homilist for the big event.

Jimenez said that other initiatives have been lined up for each parish throughout the year to encourage Catholics to renew their faith. Among these are recollections and retreats, Bible classes, home visitations, nove-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Year of Faith committee pose for a group photo during their meeting on Saturday. The Year of Faith kicks off today with a 6pm Mass presided by Rev. Msgr. David C. Quitugua of Agana at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

nas, and seminars.

"I look at it as a new beginning and hopefully a way for us to just jumpstart on pastoral

ministry," he added.

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is composed of 13 parishes: 10 on Saipan, including the Korean

Catholic community; one on Tinian; and two on Rota.


For the schedule of activities or more information about Year

of Faith, call 234-3000, email [diocese@cnmicatholic.org](mailto:diocese@cnmicatholic.org) or visit [www.dioceseofchalan-kanoa.com](http://www.dioceseofchalan-kanoa.com).


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**Head Start Policy Council/Turnover Meeting**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., Tanapag Head Start Resource Center, Tanapag Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Quorum
  4. Adoption of Agenda
  5. Adoption of Minutes:
    - a. September 14, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Communication**
  1. From the State Board of Education
  2. From the Office of Head Start
- IV. Monthly Reports**
  1. Director
  2. Managers
  3. Interim Finance Director
  4. HPC Standing Committees
  5. Center Representatives
- V. Old Business**
- VI. Council Turn Over**
  1. Appreciation to Outgoing Council Members for SY2011-2012
  2. Welcome and Introduction of New Council Members for SY2012-2013
  3. Election of Officers
    - a. Chairperson
    - b. Vice Chair
    - c. Secretary
    - d. Treasurer
- VII. New Business**  
Action Item:
  1. SY 2012-2013 Written Service Area Plans
- VIII. Miscellaneous Matters**
- IX. Executive Session**
- X. Next Meeting**
- XI. Adjournment**

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Annie Santos at (670) 664-3751/3761 or email address at [ana.santos@cnmipss.org](mailto:ana.santos@cnmipss.org); several days notice is required.

/s/ Vinson F. Sablan  
Chairperson

**Notice of Zoning Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp))

- A. Preliminary Matters**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of September 20, 2012 minutes
  5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)
- B. Public Hearings**
  1. None
- C. Communications/ Reports**
- D. Old Business**
  1. Update on the proposed Saipan Zoning Law of 2012
  2. Update on the proposed local bill for Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Businesses (Pokers)
- E. New Business**
  1. Election of Board Vice-Chairperson and Secretary
  2. Office operations report
- F. Executive (Closed) Session**
- G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.**

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



# UOG student gets National Geographic grant



National Geographic Society Young Explorers Grant recipient Maia Raymundo searches for the naked-backed Philippine fruit bat in Negros. Inset, once thought to be extinct, the Philippine bat (*Dobsonia chapmani*) may receive needed attention through Raymundo's research.

University of Guam master's candidate Maia Raymundo's passion is terrestrial biology. Working in the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center's Entomology Laboratory she acquired the field experience needed to submit a proposal for a National Geographic Society Young Explorers Grant. YEG funds innovative hypothesis-based scientific research for individuals between the ages of 18-25 that are not usually covered by other sources of funding. Raymundo's proposal, to study endangered bats, was deemed significant enough to be funded at the maximum level YEG provides to applicants.

The bats she is researching, *Dobsonia chapmani*, are found on only two islands in the Philippines archipelago. They were declared extinct by the IUCN in 1996 but were sighted on the island of Negros Occidental in 2003 by Leonardo Averia and Dr. Alcala of Silliman University. These bats are also known

as the Philippine naked-backed fruit bat as their wings connect to the vertebra on their back giving them the appearance of being naked.

Raymundo recently spent time in Negros applying for permits and doing some reconnaissance work before her research begins in earnest. That trip turned out to be more like a Sherlock Holmes adventure than she could have imagined, as few things were "elementary." In her favor, Raymundo speaks fluent Tagalog and Cebuano as she grew up in the Philippines, which was of immense help as she started her bat detective work.

Field research always presents interesting challenges and logistical problems. Raymundo had the additional difficulty of needing to venture into a politically sensitive area due to the rebel New People's Party presence. But a series of fortuitous encounters allowed her to reach the Calatong Forest where the

bats had last been seen. Most importantly, Leonardo Averia agreed to accompany her as he was concerned that the local people would not give her their trust due to the political situation. Mayor Montilla of Sipalay City, the municipality with jurisdiction over the forest, gave the group permission to enter the target area and suggested that two local CENRO (City Environment and Natural Resources Office) employees accompany them.

Once in the forest they met a sprightly older woman who lives there and tends her coffee trees and other plants under the canopy. "It was incredible to be in such a beautiful, wild place. There are monkeys, small cats, hornbills, owls, and bats that are still part of the ecosystem, but they are living under increasing threats from mining and clearing of the forest for agriculture," says Raymundo.

In their two nights of camp-

ing in the Calatong forest Raymundo was elated at the sighting of an adolescent *Dobsonia chapmani*, her research subject in the flesh. It was a good sign against incredible odds and she is looking forward to a prolonged stay to study the bare-backed bat. Originally she had thought to compare the two bat populations on Cebu and Negros, but she may broaden her thesis and compare *D. chapmani* to other bats in Indonesia, to understand whether they are the same species or if the Philippine bat is a completely separate species. She hopes to find the answer through DNA genome sequencing. There is no time to spare; at the moment there are no measures in place to actively study or monitor the last remaining *D. chapmani* on Negros. Perhaps Raymundo's research will ignite an interest in protecting this bat so that extinction will not be its fate. (UOG)

## Ex-convict, 49, allegedly sexually abused girl

A 49-year-old ex-convict was arrested early Tuesday morning for allegedly sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl at her home in China Town.

Diego Somorang Kileleman was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, as-

sault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$26,250 cash.

Police detective Rudolfo Hermosilla stated in his report that the girl was sleeping on the kitchen floor when Kileleman touched her privates.

The girl woke up and ran off. The girl's mother called

police and Kileleman was then arrested.

Hermosilla said that during his interview with Kileleman at the Department of Corrections that afternoon, the suspect stated that he had been drinking beer prior to the incident. Kileleman allegedly owned up to touching the

girl's privates.

Hermosilla reported that the defendant was laughing when he made the confession.

Kileleman has a prior conviction for domestic violence. One of the conditions of his one-year probation sentence is to not drink any alcoholic beverages. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 11, 1999

### CUC may alter 80MW project

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation hinted at changing the original plan on the Saipan power project, further fueling speculation that it has decided to downsize the 80-megawatt plant in light of the present situation on the island. CUC Chair Rosario M. Elameto assured, however, the utility board will determine its outcome on Wednesday when independent experts present their final report to the public after nine months of reviewing proposals handed in by 13 power firms. "It is the duty of the CUC Board, many members of which are recent appointees, to carefully consider all the benefits and risks of this project, and to listen to our independent experts," she said in a letter to Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes.

### Benavente: Give FTZ a chance

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente urged the Senate to set aside differences on the proposed free trade zones on the island and approve the plan to begin the process of attracting investments into the Northern Marianas. "We've got to give it a shot, give it a chance because we've got nothing now to offer to investors," he said in an interview. Benavente, author of the administration-sponsored legislation that will create these special economic sites, met with members of the Subcommittee on Free Trade Zone and Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez last Friday to discuss the latter's concerns on the measure.

Oct. 11, 2000

### PSS bats for maintenance budget

Board of Education member Anthony Pellegrino yesterday prodded the Legislature to provide the Public School System a general maintenance budget for the upkeep of its multi-million dollar school facilities in fresh efforts to save the school system's dilapidating structures. Mr. Pellegrino, during a meeting with members of the House Committee on Education, disclosed that PSS' allocated maintenance funds is now less than \$300,000, barely enough to cover public schools requiring upgrades and enhancements. "We spend millions of dollars for the construction of new schools but we can't find money to maintain them. Some schools are already in a deplorable state," said Mr. Pellegrino.

### Texas Road improvement gets wide support

Various government agencies have backed the proposed opening of Texas Road to traffic and utility lines, citing the need to ease congestion along Beach Road. The House transportation committee is currently reviewing legislation that will seek funding for improvement of that stretch of back road dissecting the villages of San Jose, Susupe and Chalan Kanoa. HB 12-267 or the "Texas Road Appropriation and Development Act" is sponsored by PUTC chair Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho who has pitched the project as a solution to traffic bottlenecks in Beach Road during rush hours as well as key to sewer, water and power expansion in those areas.

Oct. 11, 2001

### Ex-senator booked for marijuana

Former senator Esteven M. King was arrested at the Saipan International Airport early yesterday morning for alleged possession of marijuana. With tighter security being implemented as the United States and its territories brace for possible terrorist attacks, police said airport personnel immediately handcuffed the former senator when they discovered marijuana hidden inside a sunglass case inside King's baggage. Aside from this, three knives were also found in his possession. King, a 51-year-old Tinian resident, was brought to the Division of Corrections where he was detained.

### OPA: Tie-breaker stands

The Public Auditor's Office has denied the appeal filed by a supplier over the rejection of a protest it filed at the Division of Procurement and Supply, saying the division can indeed use the drawing of lots to break a tie in the bids of competing vendors. In an audit report dated October 9, the OPA said it found the arguments of the Island Business Systems & Supplies to be invalid, and that no prejudice to IBSS was shown when P&S used competitive sealed bidding when it solicited the bids for a photocopying machine. The photocopier was for the Department of Public Health. It appeared that the IBSS and its competitor, Xerox Corp., had equally low bids for the machine. To break the tie, P&S proposed the drawing of lots to determine the winner. The IBSS protested this manner of selecting the winner.



# Rotary eyes repair of dilapidated playground at AMP

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REPORTER

The playground equipment at the American Memorial Park is “in sore need of repair” and dangerous for children in the community to use, according to Rotary Club of Saipan’s Laurie Peterka.

Peterka made this determination on the status and physical condition of the playground equipment donated by the Rotary Club of Saipan as she addressed their meeting yesterday.

“It has been mostly put off lim-

its and the park is keeping an eye on who’s using it,” she said.

According to Peterka, the American Memorial Park had done minor maintenance on the playground equipment but more work needs to be done to make it usable for the next three years.

Peterka said there are several pieces of metal in the playground equipment that need to be refabricated and corrected to get rid of the dangerous edges.

She and Rotarian Dennis Yoshimoto talked to Joeten Motors to ask if it could cre-

ate plastic rubber coating that would coat the refabricated and corrected metal pieces to “make them last a little bit longer.”

“They have agreed to do this at cost,” said Peterka, adding that the estimated cost to refabricate the 12 metal pieces is about \$800.

Both Peterka and Yoshimoto volunteered to do the ocular inspections as part of the extensive research and meetings they conducted starting June to identify whether or not the Rotary Club of Saipan has any duty,

obligation, or responsibility for the playground they donated almost 20 years ago.

“There’s no legally binding document that obligates the Rotary Club of Saipan in any way,” she said.

Peterka also noted that there is no memorandum between the Rotary Club of Saipan, the American Memorial Park, and the National Park Service.

While there is a “volunteer services agreement” that identifies that the club made a donation to the park, all maintenance

responsibility falls back to the park, she explained.

Peterka also said that the presence of a Rotary Club of Saipan and the 4-way Rotary Test signboard only holds the club responsible to maintain the signboard and not the equipment.

She pointed out, however, that their group has a “moral obligation,” not a responsibility, and called on Rotary officials to discuss the matter.

Peterka disclosed that the Rotary Club of Saipan already pur-

chased new swing seats waiting to be installed “as soon as we can make cooperation with all of the partners that are interested in making this project possible.”

“The holdup of this point is whether or not the Rotary Club has the responsibility and we wanted to define the relationship between the park and the club and I think this research has provided that. I think the next steps could be determined whether we’ll continue to support having playground equipment in the park,” added Peterka.

## Docomo Pacific donates \$9K to MTEC



Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, fourth from right, leads a check presentation of over \$9,400 to the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 5, 2012, attended by Docomo Pacific and MTEC representatives. Also pictured from left are Docomo Pacific Retail Operations manager Pauline Johnson, MTEC member Larry Lee, MTEC board member Esther Sound, Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, Nelson, MTEC board member Naomi Nishimura, Docomo Pacific marketing coordinator Naomi Boone, and MTEC member Alex Sablan.



### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday

America Needs Fatima is inviting everyone to a Public Square

Rosary Rally this Saturday, Oct. 13, to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima. The

rosary rally from 12pm to 2pm at the Garapan Fishing Base (across Kristo Rai Church) in Garapan.

This rosary will be one of almost 9,000 rallies that will take place across the globe on that day. All rosary rallies start at noon, local time, because it is near this time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima, Portugal, during the sixth and last apparition of Mary on Oct. 13, 1917. For more information about the apparition, visit [www.americanneedsfatima.org/Apparitions-of-Our-Lady](http://www.americanneedsfatima.org/Apparitions-of-Our-Lady).

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#### SBDC to host free business workshop

The Small Business Development Center will be conducting a free workshop called “How to Market Your Business” on Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, from 9am to 11am, at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce’s conference room at the Familia Bldg. in Garapan. (PR)

## Energy promotions on Tinian

The Department of Public Works/Energy Division Office announced yesterday that the “2012 National Energy Action Month” will start on Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, with two sessions (morning and afternoon) at the Tinian Gymnasium on Tinian for those who were not able to avail and participate in the last campaign event on Aug. 3, 2012.

The Energy Division, through its Energy Education, Efficiency and Conservation efforts, will be distributing reusable shopping bags with Home Energy Savings Kits. Participants will also have the opportunity to obtain a portable stove by participating in the National Energy Action Month presentation.

Due to limited seating, in-

terested individuals must pre-register with the Energy Division office by calling 664-4480/81 to confirm attendance and seating from 7:30am to 4:30pm on Oct. 11, 2012. In addition, registered attendees will be required to present a copy of their most recent utility bill, in their name, to be allowed to participate in the schedule sessions.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> session – 9am to 11am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> session – 2pm to 4pm

Bring a copy of your most recent utility bill to the event.

For more information, contact the CNMI Energy Division office at 664-4480/81. (Office of the Governor)

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 15th birthday to Mariama Faith Masga Nakazato! Have fun, be safe, we love you, and we pray that you will have many, many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Mom and Dad, Court, Ko and Jem, Mimi and Jewel and the kids, and Kaikai and Bo.

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Happy 2nd birthday to Takehide Jose Nakazato Naputi. We love you and pray that you will have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your parents, sister Pengpeng, grandpa, grandma, and the family.

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#### GOOD JOB!

Congratulations to Yolanda Sakisat Palacios and Jatanna Palacios Cabrera for being chosen as two of the recipients of the 2012 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship! Keep on keeping on! Greetings come from the family.

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# Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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## Risky business

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In June 2003, U.S. Ambassador John Blaney had a choice to make. Two rebel groups assaulted the Liberian capital to overthrow Charles Taylor. Taylor was wanted by an international criminal court and he controlled Liberia with commandos and unruly militia. There was a real risk that his forces would attack the U.S. Embassy. The city was swollen with thousands of internally displaced people, and there was no food, potable water or electricity.

The U.S. Embassy was the last Western diplomatic presence and there was no way out of the country, as the port was under attack, no airlines were flying, and roads were impassable. At the low point, the embassy had only a handful of Marines and a skeletal staff. Ambassador Blaney had every reason to take down the flag and go home. What would you have done?

The ambassador relied on his long experience and his clear understanding of local dynamics and concluded that, while the risks were very real that the embassy could be overrun, he had to give diplomacy a last chance. He did not want Liberia to become a "Somalia West," an ungoverned space and possible terrorist sanctuary, with disastrous consequences for U.S. national interests and for the Liberian people for years to come. He kept the U.S. Embassy open.

Over the next three months, the embassy became a rallying point for international efforts to end the war, and a symbol for the Liberian people that the United States stood with them in their time of greatest need. The compound was shelled and hundreds of Liberians were killed, but the flag flew. U.S. forces reinforced the embassy and West African peacekeepers deployed.

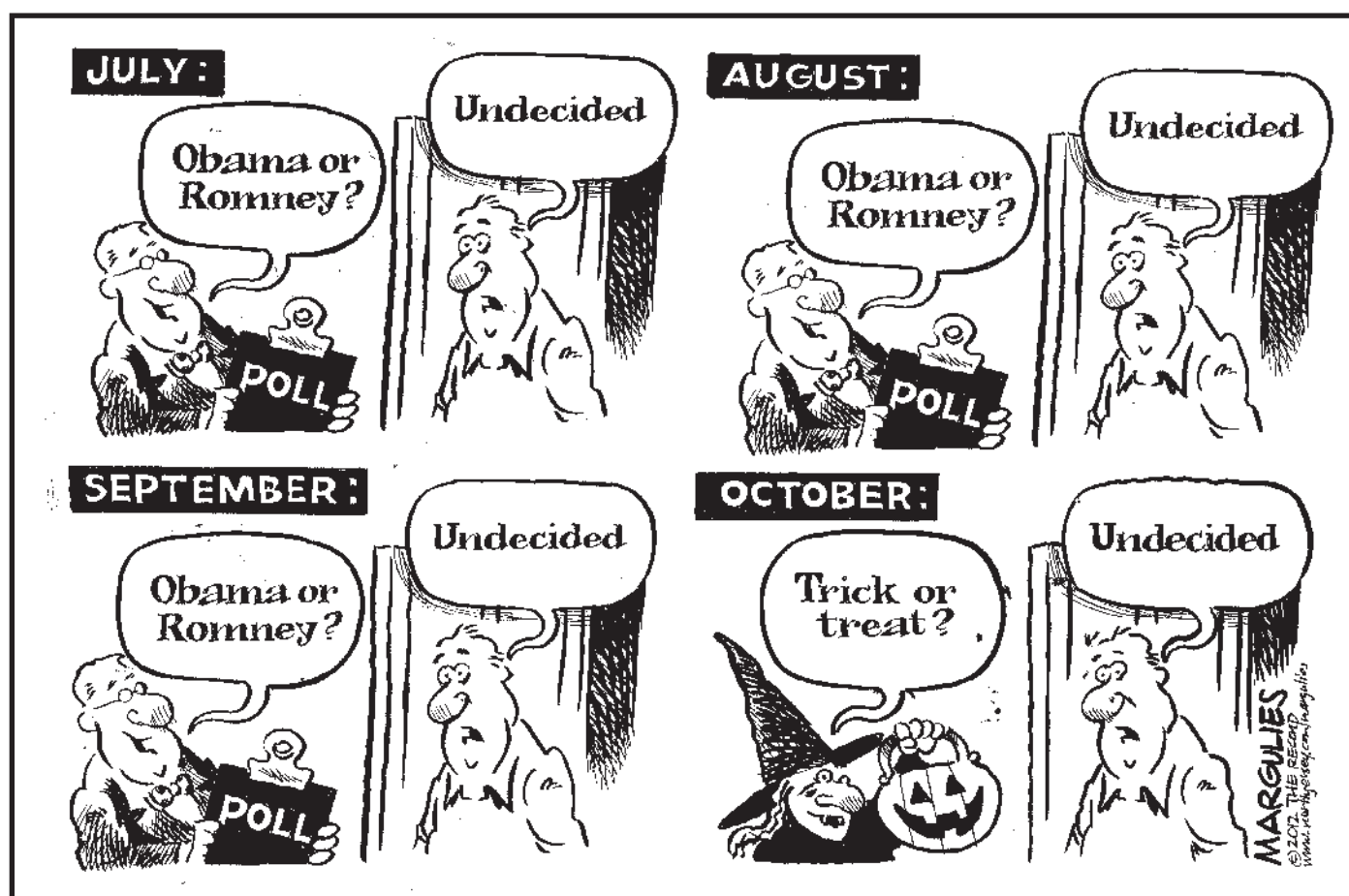
Blaney took calculated risks: he crossed the frontlines to broker a local ceasefire that had rebels quit the city and agree to a transitional government. As a result, the country stabilized, elections were held, and Liberia elected the first woman president in Africa. Today, nine years on, Liberia is a U.S. friend, Charles Taylor has been convicted, and Liberia is rebuilding its international standing.

The ambassador's decision points to an often overlooked truth about diplomacy: at its core, it is risk. From the craft's origins in antiquity, diplomats left the protections of our own borders and relied for our safety on persuasion, judgment and our indispensable role, without which state-to-state relations would go dark. Our presence on foreign soil best positions us to assess others' receptivity to our messages and to persuade them to work with us. But we are exposed when we are abroad.

For these reasons, as a career Foreign Service Officer, I have found it difficult to read much of the recent press coverage over the loss of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other colleagues in Libya. As it always does where lives have been lost, the State Department has convened an Accountability Review Board, to recommend corrective action if necessary and to find out how we can do better. I do not know what the board will conclude, but I expect that from these tragic circumstances we can identify ways that diplomatic work can continue in places around the world where American leadership and diplomacy is needed most.

The risks to American diplomats are particularly acute today. When I was in Afghanistan, we had to evaluate daily dozens of credible threats to our bases, many of which never came to pass

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## Internet scam

AOL recently got hacked and our contact list was emptied for mischief. Even before the occurrence, we received notices from friends' addresses explaining in rather labored sentences their dire financial situation stranded somewhere. Soon it was our turn. We were unable to use our credit card in Spain (nice touch on Saipan, though mail had also been routed to Taiwan) and would our acquaintance "please remit a certain amount to tide us over until our return when we would immediately settle the loan?"

The Nigerian scam of assisting some highly placed official unfreeze some blocked assets through one's bank account persists, and we actually learned of two in the Marianas who responded favorably (and greedily, costing \$100K, we might add), but this last email sent through our AOL account had us stranded on a trip to Guam. It evidently appealed to the Good Samaritans in my circle of friends.

That we got the same message in six other email addresses we use made us ignore this latest intrusion. That's until we ran into a Chinese colleague who runs a weekend English tutorial for lower grade students where I volunteer. She asked why I never responded to her request as to where she would send the monetary assistance.

She and her husband just had a baby. They are not exactly swathed in renminbi (he is an interior designer/constructor and she teaches English at a neighboring college) but she did not dismiss the possibility that I might actually be in trouble, so she got her family to gather the equivalent of \$3,500 that my purported request made.

The request email was nicely written, so much so that our ST editor who also got a copy alerted me and commented that they even got my *nom de plume* with the signature quote looking right. The touch of authenticity came in mentioning that I was stranded in Guam (the perpetrators obviously did their homework).

My Chinese colleague was properly alarmed and she called my university superiors to inquire if they had heard of my predicament. The better side of good sense made her hang on to her Yuan. Besides, I (the masquerader in this case) did not respond to her request (I did not get a copy so the scammers evidently got the routing properly rigged) to where she might send her reply to my "urgent" request.

Scamming is as old as human civilization. I was not yet 10 when an American vet widow in our delta town in the Cagayan Valley got visited by a couple of acquaintances adept at "hocus pocus." They got our neighbor convinced that underneath her house was a hoard of gold that can be discreetly excavated with heavy machinery and the appropriate structures to shield the digging from prying eyes. They actually handed her a brick of "gold" that was conveniently dug out of the sandy base of her stilt-supported house in the delta sand.

The sad story is common among the scammed. She emptied her savings of her husband's benefits she was holding for her son's

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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college expense for materials and equipment, and it quickly disappeared with the mirage of the gold bricks. The one left in her hands turned out to be polished brass!

Presumption of innocence until proven guilty is a mark of American jurisprudence, not always followed in the observance but nevertheless an accepted guiding principle.

In practice, Chinese cashiers and officials reverse the formula; one is assumed to be holding fraudulent documents until proven authentic. Handing one of Mao's red color 100rmb to a check-out cashier immediately triggers the ritual of fingering the paper, looking at an embedded image through the light—and carefully, without rush—before one is handed change. The red note is about \$15 but everyone goes through the ritual.

Chinese papers at U.S. Immigration are carefully examined for the high incidence of fraudulent documents submitted. I once went to a Citibank office in Beijing to pay for consular service, and I was amazed at the number of approaches made outside the bank of services to produce any document one required. A whole street in downtown Manila used to offer similar services, and I often ran into mothers outside of the metropolitan centers who bewailed their misfortune upon discovery that their offspring's diploma they labored and spent savings for was bought rather than earned.

Our most recent experience in our classroom, which we narrated earlier but worth repeating, occurred when two graduating students who needed additional credit hours to graduate but are already working (fourth year internship at the university means being actually employed in a company) could not attend classes, so they sent their friends in their stead. I take pictures of my 250-some students so I can get names and faces together (I refuse to assign English names!), and the two impostors immediately confessed to the ruse.

I've reversed Reagan's dictum: Verify and trust, congruent to our hosts' practices. Trust in balance with verification seems like a workable formula.

Internet scams will get more sophisticated as it is used to catch the unwary and the gullible. Meanwhile, I have this bridge in Brooklyn I inherited, and wonder if anyone is interested to buy a decor piece for their Kagman yard, or better yet, connect Tinian to Saipan...



# Free class through Stanford

We face a lot of problems in the Commonwealth. Heck, we face a lot of problems in the world. But of course, we feel our own problems more acutely, and since 1997 when the Asian currencies were devalued, it seems we started on a downward skid that we've been unable to recover from. Economically, things have gone from bad to worse, and a whole host of non-economic woes currently strike at the morale of the community. It seems like everyone is just shaking their head, a bit bewildered by it all, and not sure how to pull out of any of it.

In my mind, there are a few things that need to happen. First, we need to stop relying upon a limited number of people who fill our institutions to solve our problems. There is an unlimited reservoir of problem-solving ability within our neighborhoods, and ultimately, we need to take ownership of the challenges we face, and set out, in families and neighborhoods, to put our minds together to make things better.

This may sound airy-fairy. You know, "let's all work together, and the world will be a better place." It sounds like fluff. But it's not meant as such. The idea of taking ownership is centered on the idea of removing ourselves from a role of passive recipients to active protagonists. As I perceive it, the predominant perspective of the problem is that "if the government would just get its act together, everything would be fixed."

There is legitimacy in the desire to improve efficiency and eliminate corruption in our institutions. But we need to frame our problems differently. If, for example, healthcare institutions are not working as I wish they would, what can I do to improve healthcare (or the need for healthcare) in my family, in my neighborhood? The solutions I come up with are heavily influenced by how I frame the problem and the questions I ask. We need to learn to ask new questions, to think differently, which essentially means, to think creatively.

Part of our "stuckness" has to do with limitations in our thinking. I feel it myself, because, well, I don't have any concrete answers, other than the need to think differently. How do we do this? How can we think more creatively?

Well, as it turns out, creative thinking can be learned. I've been stunned to find that Stanford University offers a five-week "Crash Course on Creativity." It's available online and it's free. It requires minimal time—between one to five hours a week. The course is taught by Tina Seelig, the executive director of the Stanford Technology Ventures Program. I've listened to a few of the lectures, and it's all about learning to think about problems creatively. The course starts next week, Oct. 17.

Over 24,000 people from around the world have enrolled. Wouldn't it be great if another 20,000 people signed up and they were all from the CNMI? If nothing else, this kind of participation would shift the conversations in our community, as we learn to think

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about the problems we face, and become proactive agents of change as individuals, as institutions, as a community.

If we all take it upon ourselves to dedicate the next five weeks to learning to think more creatively, then there is a greater possibility that we can gain insights that will help resurrect our community. As long as our thinking remains unchanged, our slow slide continues.

All you need to participate is an Internet connection. "A Crash Course on Creativity" is an amazing opportunity to augment our most important resource—ourselves. Sign up at [venture-lab.org/creativity](http://venture-lab.org/creativity). If you want to just casually watch a few of the lectures, visit my blog, [www.MarianasEye.blogspot.com](http://www.MarianasEye.blogspot.com), where I have posted links.

# An America eternally 'at war'

By **TOM ENGELHARDT**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A great power without a significant enemy? That's what the U.S. has become.

Osama bin Laden is dead. Al-Qaida is reportedly a shadow of its former self. The great regional threats of the moment, North Korea and Iran, are regimes held together by baling wire and the suffering of their populaces. The only incipient great power rival on the planet, China, has just launched its first aircraft carrier, a refurbished Ukrainian throwaway from the 1990s on whose deck the country has no planes capable of landing.

The United States, by contrast, has 1,000 or more bases around the world. It spends as much on its military as the next 14 powers (mostly allies) combined.

It will spend an estimated \$1.45 trillion to produce and operate a new aircraft, the F-35—more than any country, the U.S. included, now spends on its national defense annually. The U.S. Navy, with its 11 nuclear-powered aircraft carrier task forces, dominates the global waves, and the U.S. Air Force controls the skies in much of the world. And the president now has at his command two specialized armies to supplement the traditional armed forces: the CIA, which has been heavily militarized and is running its own private assassination campaigns and drone air wars throughout the Middle East and environs; and the Joint Special Operations Command, cocooned inside the U.S. military, whose members are deployed to hot spots around the globe.

By all the usual measuring sticks, the U.S. should be supreme in a historically unprecedented way. And yet it couldn't be more obvious that it's not. Despite its overwhelming military superiority, nothing seems to work out in an imperially satisfying way.

Given America's lack of enemies—a few thousand jihadis, a small set of minority insurgencies, a couple of feeble regional powers—what prevents Washington's success?

Certainly, it's in some way related to the decolonization movements, rebellions and insurgencies that were a feature of the last century. It also has something to do with the way economic heft has spread beyond the U.S., Europe and Ja-

pan—with the rise of the "tigers" in Asia, the explosion of the Chinese and Indian economies, the advances of Brazil and Turkey, and the movement of the planet toward some kind of genuine economic multipolarity. It may also have something to do with the end of the Cold War, which put a halt to several centuries of great power competition and left the U.S. as the sole "victor."

Perhaps it's better, though, to think of the growing force that resists such military might as the equivalent of "dark matter" in the universe. We may not understand it fully, but the evidence is clear that it exists.

After the last decade of military failures, standoffs and frustrations, you might think that this would be apparent in Washington. And yet, here's the curious thing: Two administrations have drawn none of the obvious conclusions, and no matter how the presidential election turns out, that won't change.

Even as military power has proved itself a bust again and again, policymakers have come to rely ever more completely on a military-first response to global problems, operating on some kind of militarized autopilot.

Take Libya, for example. It briefly seemed to count as a rare American military success story: a decisive intervention in support of a rebellion against a brutal dictator. No U.S. casualties resulted, while American and NATO airstrikes were crucial in bringing a set of ill-armed, ill-organized rebels to power.

In the world of unintended consequences, however, the fall of Moammar Gadhafi sent Tuareg mercenaries from his militias, armed with high-end weaponry, across the border into Mali. There, when the dust settled, the whole northern part of the country had fallen under the sway of Islamic extremists and al-Qaida wannabes. Then last month, the first American casualties of the intervention occurred when Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans died in an attack on the Benghazi consulate and a local safe house.

So what is the U.S. reaction? Yet more military action. According to the Washington Post, the White House is planning military operations against al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, the terrorist network's North African branch, which is now armed with weaponry from Gadhafi's stockpiles. And according to the

New York Times, the Obama administration is "preparing retaliation" against those it believes killed the U.S. ambassador, possibly including "drone strikes, special operations raids like the one that killed Osama bin Laden, and joint missions with Libyan authorities." Further destabilization is a given.

One could postulate explanations for why our policymakers, military and civilian, continue in such a repetitive and self-destructive vein. Yes, there is the military-industrial complex to be fed. Yes, we are interested in the control of crucial resources, especially energy, and so on.

But it's probably more reasonable to say that a deeply militarized mind-set and the global maneuvers that go with it are by now just a way of life in a Washington eternally "at war." Military actions have become the tics of an overwrought great power with the equivalent of Tourette's syndrome. They happen because they can't help but happen, because they are engraved in the policy DNA of our national security complex. In other words, our leaders can't help themselves.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Lay off!

If the media keeps harping on the fact that the governor has not yet fired acting CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, it will leave the governor with no choice but to fire him, just to live up to the expectation.

For heaven's sake, lay off! The CNMI needs Fletcher at the helm of CUC! He's doing a great job and should be allowed to continue. The media is driving the story here, and it could have disastrous results.

Find other ways to tell your story, please!

**Ruth Tighe**

Tanapag, Saipan

## RISKY

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but some of which resulted in lethal attacks against our soldiers and diplomats. It became clear to me that, no matter how good the intelligence, it is impossible to defend against every threat. But the risks abound beyond conflict zones.

In 1998, I lived through the bombing of our embassy in Tanzania. In the smoldering wreckage of our chancery, in the bloodstains on the side of the building, I realized how vulnerable we are simply because we are proud symbols of our country.

The United States shows its leadership in the world through active

diplomacy. In the Foreign Service, we identify, cultivate and strengthen the alliances that secure our country, we advocate for open markets to ensure U.S. prosperity, and we support partners who share the values that are the foundation of our strength. We cannot do these things remotely: we must be present on present the ground.

In many places, it is difficult to distinguish friend from enemy. Our role is to clarify and to win partners. We cannot leave the world in the hands of economic or strategic competitors, or in the grip of dictators, criminals or extremists. We must, in the can-do spirit of our country, take necessary risks to represent the American case. We compete, we win, and we bring others along with us. These are the reasons that Ambassador Blaney chose to keep the flag flying in Liberia. They are the reasons that Ambassador Stevens and his team

ventured last year into a contested land.

They are the reasons that our diplomats even now are trying to support those Libyans who want to turn away from extremism. In Libya, our diplomats press on because that is what it takes to ensure that our country's values and interests are advanced. We root for their success. And we honor the courage and sacrifice of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and our colleagues, and we recall the example of Ambassador John Blaney, and many others like him, who risk career and life to change the world.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Yap	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 81

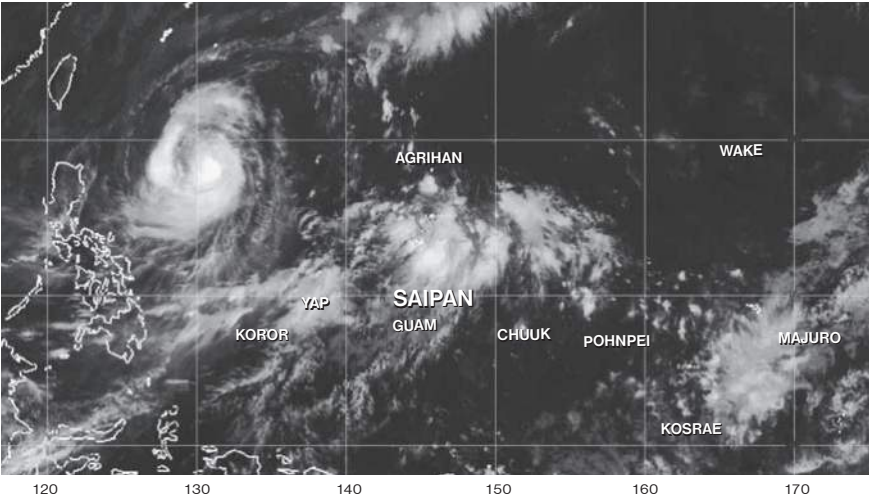
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 63 ▼ 52
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 46
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 75
London	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 56
Manila	Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Rain	▲ 59 ▼ 46
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 74
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 45
Osaka	Showers	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 56
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 55
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 63
Salem	Partly Cloudy	73 40
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 54
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 49
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 52

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
5:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon prapiroon (22w) is centered 995 miles west-northwest of Guam near 19N131E moving west-northwest at 6 mph with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of a line from 15N133E to 22N134E. For more detailed information on Prapiroon, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by National Weather Service Guam under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves eastward from Typhoon Prapiroon near 19N131E across the northern CNMI to end north of Chuuk at 16N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present over the Marianas within 200 miles of a line from 14N144E to 13N157E. Southwest winds south of the monsoon trough are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Yap and and north of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 9N130E to 10N140E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Kosrae and south of Kwajalein between 1N and 8N from 164E to 170E. An upper-level low centered southeast of Wake Island near 16N170E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northeast of Kwajalein within 150 miles of 14N172e.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:59 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:59 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:58 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:49 AM	2:36 PM
Friday	2:42 AM	3:19 PM
Saturday	3:37 AM	4:03 PM
Sunday	4:33 AM	4:48 PM
Monday	5:32 AM	5:36 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
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DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	12:00	12:10	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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# Business

## Japan economy shaky as island spat hits business

**TOKYO (AP)**—The craggy island specks in the East China Sea aren't even an economic backwater. They have no factories, no highways, no shops, no people—only goats. But the high-pitched row between Beijing and Tokyo over their ownership is exacting a growing toll on Japan, threatening to send its recovery from last year's disasters into reverse.

Sales of Japanese cars in China are in a free-fall. At the China Open last weekend, a representative of Sony Corp., which is a sponsor of the tennis tournament, was loudly booed at the title presentation for the women's final. Chinese tourists are cancelling trips to Japan in droves. And some analysts say Japan's economy will shrink in the last three months of the year.

The business and economic shockwaves come after Japan last month nationalized the tiny islands, called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, which were already under Tokyo's control but are also claimed by Beijing. The move set off violent protests in

China, and a widespread call to boycott Japanese goods. Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. dealerships were burned down in one city.

Seeing footage of Toyota cars getting smashed by angry rioters, Toyota President Akio Toyoda had looked almost tearful, confiding in reporters: "I couldn't bear to watch. It hurt as though I was getting beaten."

A report by J.P. Morgan, released Tuesday, projected Japanese auto exports to China will crash 70 percent during the October-December period. The export of auto parts will slip by 40 percent—about the same drop estimated for exports of other consumer products, such as electronics, it said.

The aftermath of the latest phase of the sizzling territorial spat with China will cause Japan's economy, the world's third biggest, to shrink 0.8 percent in the fourth quarter, according to J.P. Morgan. It had previously forecast no growth in the quarter.

J.P. Morgan chief economist Masaaki Kanno fears the fallout

could get worse in the months ahead, as the September sales numbers for Japanese automakers only account for damage that started the middle of the month.

Toyota said Tuesday that sales of new vehicles in China dropped 49 percent in September from a year earlier to 44,100 vehicles. Honda said September sales plunged 41 percent to 33,931 vehicles. China sales for Nissan Motor Co. slid 35 percent last month to 76,100 vehicles.

Even the most optimistic scenario does not foresee a recovery in Japan's economy until the second quarter of next year, Kanno said.

"What we have ahead of us is going to be terrible," he said. "It's like last year's disaster all over again."

The quake and tsunami in northeastern Japan last year hobbled the economy for months. Auto production was particularly hard hit because parts suppliers had been located in disaster area. Flooding in Thailand that followed added to the automakers' woes.

## Merkel gets a hostile reception on Greek visit

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)**—German Chancellor Angela Merkel got a hostile reception from many ordinary Greeks Tuesday when she flew into Athens on her first visit to the country since its debt crisis erupted three years ago.

But she praised the current Greek government for covering "much of the ground" required for recovery.

"I hope and wish that Greece remains a member of the euro-zone," Merkel said. "As partners, we are working hard to achieve that."

Her visit triggered protests attended by some 50,000 demonstrators in Athens. The rallies were mostly peaceful, but police briefly clashed with several dozen demonstrators and detained nearly 200 people throughout the day.

As Europe's largest contributor to the bailout fund that has rescued Greece from bankruptcy, Germany is viewed by many Greeks as the primary enforcer of the austerity measures the Greek government enacted in exchange for emergency aid.

Debt monitors from the European Union, International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank, known as the "troika", will deliver a report within coming weeks on whether Greece should receive its next bailout payment, without which it will go bankrupt.

Merkel, who stopped in Ath-

ens for five hours, said the coalition government led by Prime Minister Antonis Samaras still had to push through more key cost-cutting reforms.

"Much of the ground has been covered ... There is daily progress," Merkel said after talks with Samaras. "This is an effort that should be seen through be-

cause otherwise it would make the circumstances even more dramatic later on."

Although the German leader damped expectations in Athens of a stronger message of public support for Greece, Samaras said Merkel's visit had ended "the country's international isolation."

## Oil price soars on supply jitters

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The price of oil rose more than 3 percent Tuesday on concerns about supplies from the Middle East and the North Sea.

Benchmark crude gained \$3.06, or 3.4 percent, to finish at \$92.39 a barrel in New York. In London, Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil, rose \$2.68, or 2.4 percent, to end at \$114.50.

Analysts said that some North Sea oil rigs have been slow to resume production after undergoing maintenance. There is also concern that tensions between Turkey and Syria could escalate and disrupt supplies from the Middle East. The Middle East and North Africa account for about a third of global oil production.

Saudi Arabia's oil minister tried to ease concerns about supply. Ali al-Naimi told reporters that his country now pumps around 10 million barrels a day, and said its production capacity of more than 12

million barrels is sufficient to meet any world demand.

Worries about supplies also seemed to trump bearish news from the International Monetary Fund. The international lending organization cut its global growth forecast to 3.3 percent for this year from 3.5 percent and said advanced economies are at the risk of another recession.

In the U.S., the average price for a gallon of gasoline fell less than a penny to \$3.815. But prices rose again in California, although by the smallest amount in days. Drivers in the state are paying an average of \$4.67 per gallon, up 49 cents in a week.

In other futures trading in New York:

■ Wholesale gasoline rose 6.6 cents, or 2.3 percent, to finish at \$2.96 per gallon.

■ Natural gas rose 6.4 cents to end at \$3.47 per 1,000 cubic feet.

■ Heating oil advanced 6 cents to finish at \$3.20 per gallon.

# Nation

## Sandusky gets at least 30 years, denies wrongdoing

**BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP)**—In what sounded at times like a locker room pep talk, Jerry Sandusky rambled in his red prison suit about being the underdog in the fourth quarter, about forgiveness, about dogs and about the movie "Seabiscuit."

With his accusers seated behind him in the courtroom, he denied committing "disgusting acts" against children and instead painted himself as the victim.

And then, after he had said his piece, a judge sentenced him to 30 to 60 years in prison Tuesday, all but ensuring the 68-year-old Sandusky will spend the rest of his life behind bars for the child sexual abuse scandal that brought disgrace to Penn State and triggered the downfall of his former boss, football coach Joe Paterno.

He leaves behind a trail of human and legal wreckage that could take years for the university to clear away.

"The tragedy of this crime is that it's a story of betrayal. The most obvious aspect is your betrayal of 10 children," Judge John Cleland said after a hearing in which three of the men Sandusky was convicted of molesting as boys confronted him face to face and told of the lasting pain he had inflicted.

The judge said he expects Sandusky to die in prison.

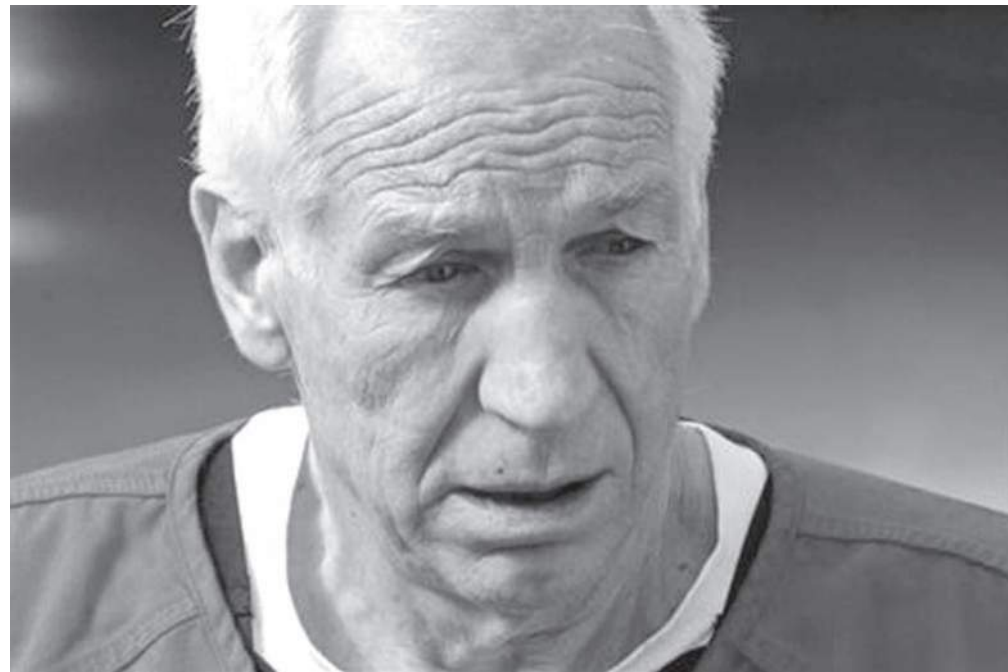
In a disjointed, 15-minute address before he learned his sentence, Sandusky said: "In my heart I did not do these alleged disgusting acts."

Sprinkling his remarks with sports references, the former assistant coach spoke of being locked up in a jail cell, sub-

jected to outbursts from fellow inmates, reading inspirational books and trying to find a purpose in his fate. His voice cracked as he talked about missing his loved ones, including his wife, Dottie, who was in the gallery.

"Hopefully we can get better as a result of our hardship and suffering, that somehow, some way, something good will come out of this," Sandusky said.

He also spoke of instances in which he helped children and did good works in the community, adding: "I've forgiven, I've been forgiven. I've comforted others, I've been comforted. I've been kissed by dogs, I've been bit by dogs. I've conformed, I've also been different. I've been me. I've been loved, I've been hated."



AP

Former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, center, leaves the Centre County Courthouse after being sentenced in Bellefonte, Pa., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.

## Race between Romney, Obama still all about Ohio

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)**—It's still all about Ohio.

After a strong debate performance, Republican challenger Mitt Romney is intensifying his efforts in the state that's critical to his White House hopes, while President Barack Obama works to hang on to the polling edge he's had here for weeks.

Both candidates campaigned hard in the state Tuesday, the last day of voter registration ahead of Election Day, now just four weeks away.

"It's time for him to leave the White House," Romney said of Obama at an evening rally in Cuyahoga Falls. "Ohio's going to elect me the next president of the United States."

Obama, in Columbus, called out, "All right, Buckeyes, we

need you." His campaign had buses nearby, ready to ferry students or other supporters to registration centers.

As Obama wooed Ohio State University students here and Romney focused on the Democratic bastion of Cuyahoga County to the north, there were signs the president's Ohio advantage was narrowing. A new CNN poll showed Obama leading Romney 51 percent to 47 percent among likely Ohio voters. And Republican strategists familiar with Romney's internal polling contended the race was even closer—within a single percentage point—as the candidate enjoyed a post-debate surge of support.

"I promise you he's back in the game in Ohio," said Char-

lie Black, an informal Romney campaign adviser.

Like other Republicans, he credits Romney's strong debate appearance last week as the reason for an uptick in national polling. And Romney advisers maintain they're seeing evidence of that in the battleground states most likely to decide the election, Ohio among them.

"There isn't any question that he has breathed new life and new energy into the Republican Party," Ohio Gov. John Kasich said Tuesday on a conference call with reporters. "We're seeing that there is greater intensity among Republicans and a great willingness to get out and vote and participate than we're seeing with Democrats."



# Asia

## Taliban gunmen shoot 14-year-old girl activist

**MINGORA, Pakistan (AP)**—Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai was admired across a battle-scarred region of Pakistan for exposing the Taliban's atrocities and advocating for girls' education in the face of religious extremists. On Tuesday, the Taliban nearly killed her to quiet her message.

A gunman walked up to a bus taking children home from school in the volatile northern Swat Valley and shot Malala in the head and neck. Another girl on the bus was also wounded.

The young activist was airlifted by helicopter to a military hospital in the frontier city of Peshawar. A doctor in the city of Mingora, Tariq Mohammad, said her wounds weren't life-threatening, but a provincial information minister said after a medical board examined the girl that the next few days would be crucial.

Malala began writing a blog when she was just 11 under the pseudonym Gul Makai for the BBC about life under the Taliban, and began speaking out publicly in 2009 about the need for girls' education—which the Taliban strongly opposes. The extremist movement was quick to claim responsibility for shooting her.

"This was a new chapter of obscenity, and we have to finish this chapter," Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan by telephone.

The shooting provoked outrage across the country, angering Pakistanis who have seen a succession of stories about violence against women by the Taliban.

"This attack cannot scare us nor the courageous Malala. This cowardly act cannot deter Malala to give up her efforts," said Azizul Hasan, one of the girl's cousins.

Prime Minister Raja Perwaiz Ashraf condemned the attack and called her a daughter of Pakistan. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland called the shooting "barbaric" and "cowardly."

Leila Zerrougui, the U.N. special representative for children in armed conflict, condemned the attack "in the harshest terms." "Education is a fundamental right for all children," she said in a statement. The Taliban "must respect the right to education of all children, including girls, to go to school and live in peace."

The attack displayed the viciousness of Islamic militants in the Swat Valley, where the military conducted a major operation in 2009 to clear out insurgents, and a reminder of the challenges the government faces in keeping the area free of militant influence.



AP

A wounded Pakistani girl, Malala Yousufzai, is moved to a helicopter to be taken to Peshawar for treatment in Mingora, Swat Valley, Pakistan on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.

## PH Supreme Court suspends cybercrime law

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine Supreme Court on Tuesday suspended implementation of the country's anti-cybercrime law while it decides whether certain provisions violate civil liberties.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said the court issued a temporary restraining order stopping the government from enforcing the law signed by President Benigno Aquino III last month. The law took effect last week but there has been no report of anyone being charged with violating it.

The court suspended the law for 120 days and scheduled oral arguments for Jan. 15. It ordered the government to respond within 10 days to 15 petitions seeking to declare the law

unconstitutional.

The law aims to combat Internet crimes such as hacking, identity theft, spamming, cybersex and online child pornography.

Journalists and rights groups oppose the law because it also makes online libel a crime, with double the normal penalty, and because it blocks access to websites deemed to violate the law. They fear such provisions will be used by politicians to silence critics, and say the law also violates freedom of expression and due process.

Brad Adams, Asia director for Human Rights Watch, commended the court and urged it to "go further by striking down this seriously flawed law."

In one of the petitions filed

with the court questioning the law's constitutionality, the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines said it would "set back decades of struggle against the darkness of 'constitutional dictatorship' and replace it with 'cyber authoritarianism.'"

Many Facebook and Twitter users and the portals of media organizations in the Philippines have replaced their profile pictures with black screens to protest the law. Hackers also defaced several government websites in protest.

Renato Reyes, secretary general of the left-wing New Patriotic Alliance, another petitioner, said the court's order was "a major victory for freedom and civil liberties."

# World

## Al-Qaida making comeback in Iraq, officials say

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Al-Qaida is rebuilding in Iraq and has set up training camps for insurgents in the nation's western deserts as the extremist group seizes on regional instability and government security failures to regain strength, officials say.

Iraq has seen a jump in al-Qaida attacks over the last 10 weeks, and officials believe most of the fighters are former prisoners who have either escaped from jail or were released by Iraqi authorities for lack of evidence after the U.S. military withdrawal last December. Many are said to be Saudi or from Sunni-dominated Gulf states.

During the war and its aftermath, U.S. forces, joined by allied Sunni groups and later by Iraqi counterterror forces, managed to beat back al-Qaida's Iraqi branch.

But now, Iraqi and U.S. officials say, the insurgent group has more than doubled in numbers from a year ago - from about 1,000 to 2,500 fighters. And it is carrying out an average of 140 attacks each week across Iraq, up from 75 attacks each week earlier this year, according to Pentagon data.

"AQI is coming back," U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, declared in an interview last month while visiting Baghdad.

The new growth of al-Qaida in Iraq, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq, is not entirely unexpected. Last November, the top U.S. military official in Iraq, Army Gen. Lloyd Austin, predicted "turbulence" ahead for Iraq's security forces. But he doubted Iraq would return to the days of widespread fighting between

Shiite militias and Sunni insurgents, including al-Qaida, that brought the Islamic country to the brink of civil war.

While there's no sign of Iraq headed back toward sectarian warfare—mostly because Shiite militias are not retaliating to their deadly attacks—al-Qaida's revival is terrifying to ordinary Iraqis.

Generally, the militant group does not does not launch attacks or otherwise operate beyond Iraq's borders. For years, it has targeted Shiite pilgrims, security forces, officials in the Shiite-led government and—until it left—the U.S. military. On Tuesday, a series of bombings and drive-by shootings killed six people, including three soldiers and a judge, in Baghdad and the former al-Qaida strongholds of Mosul and Tal Afar in northern Iraq.

## Civil war leaves Syrian economy, cities in ruins

**BEIRUT (AP)**—In Syria's cities and towns, entire blocks of apartment buildings have been shattered, their top floors reduced to pancaked slabs of concrete.

Centuries-old markets have been gutted by flames and gunfire in places like Aleppo and Homs—an irreplaceable chunk of history wiped out in a few hours of battle.

And then there are the many factories, oil pipelines, schools, hospitals, mosques and churches that have been systematically destroyed in nearly 19 months of violence.

Aside from the human tragedy of the many lives lost in Syria's civil war—activists estimate the death toll has now passed 32,000 killed - there is the staggering damage to the country's infrastructure, economy and cultural treasures.

Syrian Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi said last week that the economic losses from the ongoing conflict have cost the country about \$34 billion, with the figure rising daily, while the opposition estimates the loss at about \$100 billion.

Experts say the real figure cannot be measured with any accuracy, given the continuing nature of the raging violence and the difficulties involved with getting independent observers into the country to assess the damage.

Although there are some pockets of Syria that have been relatively shielded from the conflict, the destruction in most of the country's major cities is staggering. Experts warn that whenever the civil war ends, it will take a monumental international effort, and perhaps a generation of Syrians, to re-

build what has been broken.

"In terms of infrastructure, major parts of Syria have effectively been bombed back to Ottoman times," said Ammar Abdul-Hamid, a Syrian activist and a Washington-based fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

The London-based Syrian Network for Human Rights, which compiles statistics from the conflict, said in a Sept. 28 report that 589,000 buildings—including residential homes, schools, mosques, churches and hospitals—have been destroyed, with thousands more severely damaged.

The group said it used specialized civil engineers to come up with its damage estimate and put the cost of reconstructing residential properties and other buildings at about \$40 billion.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### US, French physicists win Nobel for quantum work

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A Frenchman and an American shared the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for inventing methods to peer into the bizarre quantum world of ultratiny particles, work that could help in creating a new generation of super-fast computers. Serge Haroche of France and American David Wineland opened the door to new experiments in quantum physics in the 1990s by showing how to observe individual atoms and

particles of light called photons while preserving their quantum properties. Quantum physics, a field about a century old, explains a lot about nature but includes some weird-sounding behavior by individual, isolated particles. A particle resists our idea of either-or: it's not here or there, it's sort of both. It's not spinning clockwise or counterclockwise, but a bit of both. It gets a definite location or spin only when it's measured.

#### Mexico capo killed, then body stolen by gunmen

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—The death of the founder and leader of Mexico's brutal Zetas cartel in a firefight with marines outside a baseball game near the Texas border was perhaps the biggest coup of President Felipe Calderon's war on drugs. But triumph turned to embarrassment when authorities lost the body. Officials still haven't found the remains of Heriberto Lazcano, which were snatched from a funeral home and whisked away by gunmen in a hijacked hearse hours after the Zetas strongman died in a hail of gunfire in the town of Progreso in Coahuila state.



# Focus

## Benefits outweigh risks in Philippines peace deal

By **HRVOJE HRANJSKI**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A tentative roadmap to peace in the southern Philippines announced this week is the first major step in the latest attempt to end a long and bloody insurgency waged by minority Muslims in the predominantly Christian nation. It carries the risk of failure that has been the fate of similar peace agreements, but strong domestic and international backing could boost its chances of success. Here's a look at the background and the future of the deal:



Aquino III

### SEEDS OF THE FIGHTING

Muslims in Mindanao first took up arms decades ago to defend what they see as their traditional homeland under threat by Christians. Tens of thousands have died in ethnic clashes and massacres that sowed bad blood for generations.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the U.S., Australia and other governments have looked at the southern third of the Philippines—Mindanao Island and neighboring provinces—as a second Afghanistan, a place where militants from Indonesia, Malaysia and Southeast Asia fled in order to escape crackdowns at home. They sought refuge with Muslim rebels and set up training grounds in their strongholds.

For the rest of the Philippines, Mindanao conjures a place where warlords rule, ransom kidnappings are common and terrorists bomb churches and ambush travelers.

### RECOVERING FROM A FAILED DEAL

A deal granting autonomy to five Muslim provinces was signed in 1996 and implemented on paper years later, but it changed little in the poverty- and violence-stricken region. Elections were rigged, corruption rife, and political bosses with private armies ruled the day. Disgruntled guerrillas carried on with bombings and attacks under the banner of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

A fresh autonomy proposal from then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo flopped in 2008. It was criticized for promising too much too soon and without public scrutiny.

When President Benigno

Aquino III was elected in 2010, he agreed to meet with the Moro rebel chief, Al Haj Murad—something Arroyo did not do. The men met at the Tokyo airport, concluded that they could work together and set in motion a series of meetings in neighboring Malaysia, which has been facilitating the talks since 1997.

The talks this time involved the so-called International Contact Group of representatives from the U.S., Europe and Muslim nations who acted as witnesses, observers and advisers. Negotiations under Aquino were initially kept under wraps but now are open to public input.

High public trust in Aquino gave him the backing he needed to carry on with the peace talks, which he hopes to conclude by 2016, when his single six-year term ends.

### GIVE-AND-TAKE

After 32 rounds of calibrated negotiations, the outline of a deal came clear: a new autonomous region will take shape in the south, with Moro rebels giving up their quest for independence in exchange for broad powers to govern themselves. The central government will maintain control over defense and foreign affairs, while the Moros—their aging leaders worn down by decades of fighting—will exercise substantial powers locally, including the justice system and tax collection. Sharia law will be enforced but will apply only to Muslims.

Unlike the previous peace deal, this one calls for rebels to disarm.

### THE PITFALLS

Many tricky details remain.

That includes the exact extent of the Moro territory. Although broadly based on an existing autonomous region, the rebels want it expanded. Other potential stumbling blocks are how much tax revenue the locals will have to give the central government, and how and when the 11,000-strong rebel force

will be disbanded.

### THE ABU SAYYAF

Al-Qaida-linked militants from the brutal Abu Sayyaf group, which gained notoriety with kidnappings and beheadings of foreign tourists, including Americans, are not part of any peace deal. Abu Sayyaf and the Moro rebels cross paths in

several parts of the Philippines. The hope is that a broader peace agreement with the Moro rebels will isolate the extremists and deprive them of sanctuaries and logistical support.

### U.S. TROOPS

About 600 U.S. troops will continue to be based in the southern Philippines, train-

ing Filipino forces, exchanging intelligence and providing equipment. Mostly aimed at the Abu Sayyaf and their allies from the Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiyah network, the U.S. forces are trying to ensure that the fragile region does not become a magnet for militants, which it may if peace deal falters.

*In Celebration of Her New Life*

†**MARIE ELAINE CABRERA**

April 28, 1965 – October 04, 2012

*Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:*

**Mother:** Magdalena Muna Cabera (Maggie/Nencho)  
**Brother:** Daniel Joseph M. & Magdalena S. Cabrera (**Christopher, Marlon** & Catherine (Caleb, Calen), **Deandra, Ashley** (Jaley, Jacob Jr.), **Kevin**)  
**Godparents:** Trinidad "Tannie" Dela Cruz Salas and Edith C. Serrano  
**Uncles/Aunts:** Maria M. Celis  
Francisca M. & Gregorio B. Sablan  
Rosa C. Hunt  
Juan M. & Dyna Cabrera  
Jose M. & Victoria Cabrera  
Charlie M. Cabrera  
Georgia M. Cabrera  
Bernadita C. & Pedro Itibus  
Victoria D. Dela Cruz.

*In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:*

**Grandparents:** †Juan Sablan and †Joaquina Muna Cabrera  
†Mariano and †Esperanza S. Cabrera  
**Nephew:** †Ryan Dean S. Cabrera  
**Aunt/Uncles:** †Antonia C. & †Russel Arienta  
†Augustin I. Celis  
†Al Hunt  
**Godfather:** †Pedro C. DelaCruz

*She will be greatly missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.*

Daily Mass of Intentions is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012. Her remains will lie in state at Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel from 07:00 to 08:30 a.m. Holy Rosary will be recited at 07:30 a.m. followed by the Responso Service at 08:30 a.m.

Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 08:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 09:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at 10:00 a.m. at Santuario Pax in Kagman where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

**Magdalena Muna Cabrera "Maggie/Nencho" and Family**



# Environment

## Africa's oldest park threatened by rebels, now oil

By MICHELLE FAUL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**V**IRUNGA NATIONAL PARK, Congo (AP)—Just a few weeks ago, rangers and militia-men were engaging in gunfights in Africa's oldest

national park. Cannons boomed as Congolese army troops shelled rebels.

That fighting in Virunga National Park, where virtually every rebellion in eastern Congo in the past 30 years has started, died down in August but the park still is facing threats from a new rebel group and from a controversial decision to open it to oil exploration.

The park, created under Belgian rule in 1925, encompasses the Rwenzori mountains' snow-fields and glacier at over 5,000 meters (16,400 feet), seven volcanoes, a lake filled with hippopotamuses, marshlands and rolling plains roamed by elephants, buffalo, lions, leopards. Siberian birds winter in the park, among 700 species whose squawks and squeaks provide a

wildlife musical interlude broken by the shrieks of baboons. The park boasts more than 200 species of mammals including the giraffe-like okapi found only in Congo. It is the only place on Earth where one can see all three African great apes, among its 22 primates.

The number of rangers protecting Virunga is down from 1,000 to 271, including 48 re-



In this picture taken Thursday Aug. 12, 2012, Park rangers patrol in the Virunga National Park near Rumangabo, some 60 kms (40 miles) north of Goma, eastern Congo.

cruits trained by retired Belgian Special Forces. There are also 200 Congolese government soldiers here.

In July, there was hand-to-hand combat at the park headquarters when rebels attacked. Artillery fire ended in August with a stalemate in which rebel forces control a neighboring army barracks and occupy parts of the park. The fighting forced authorities to close the park and a newly built luxury lodge with 12 bungalows constructed from lava rock. From the number of Italians, Australians, Japanese and Chinese who visited after the lodge opened in January, Emmanuel de Merode, the park's director and chief warden, had hoped that proceeds from the luxury lodge would help make Virunga economically self-sufficient.

But now, instead of well-heeled tourists, a quarter-million people displaced by fighting in eastern Congo are camped along the park boundary and are cutting down trees for cooking fires. And conservationists fear oil exploration may irrevocably harm the park.

President Joseph Kabila has signed decrees authorizing oil concessions that cover about 85 percent of Virunga's 7,800 square kilometers (3,000 square miles), nearly the size of Yellowstone National Park in America. French oil company Total has pledged not to exploit the 30 percent of its concession that falls in Virunga but London-registered SOCO International has said it will go ahead with exploration of its concession, with 58 percent in the park.

SOCO points to an exemption under the conservation law and says its exploration is "scientific research." It notes there are other exemptions, such as for the 40,000 fishermen who

live off the park's Lake Edward, where SOCO says its exploration would not harm animals or fish. The company has promised not to explore in the mountain gorilla habitat, around Virunga's volcanoes or in the park's equatorial rainforest.

Britain's Foreign Office, whose mandate includes support for British companies operating abroad, took the unusual step last month of issuing a statement to say "The United Kingdom opposes oil exploration within Virunga National Park, a World Heritage site listed by UNESCO as being 'in danger.' We have informed SOCO and urge the Government of DR Congo to fully respect the international conventions to which it is a signatory."

SOCO has denied accusations by Virunga park management that the company is willing to pay money to secure support from local politicians, military personnel and civil servants. At one point, park officials denied SOKO staff entrance to the preserve.

"SOCO vigorously denies any allegations of impropriety ... (and) does not permit the giving or receiving of bribes," the company said.

The U.N. World Heritage committee says "oil and mining exploration and exploitation are specifically prohibited in the protected areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo," citing its nature conservation law of 1969 and the mining code of 2002. The debate over Virunga has set Congo's environment and mining officials at loggerheads and new battle lines could be drawing up in the park with such a troubled history.

"Our role as government wildlife officers is to uphold the laws that protect the forests and the wildlife of Congo," said de Merode.

### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*Ana Blossom  
Hocog  
Inos-Macduff*

Born to Life on August 30, 1980  
Called to her Eternal Life by our  
Dear Lord on Friday, September 28, 2012

**In Her New Life, She now Joins Her:**

**BELOVED MOTHER:** Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos

**MATERNAL GRANDPARENT:** Ana Songao Hocog

**PATERNAL GRANDPARENT:** Vicente A. & Ana S. Inos

**Her Spirit and Memories will Live Forever  
in the Hearts of Her:**

**HUSBAND:** Eric Deleon Guerrero Macduff

**STEPDAUGHTER:** Molena Barbara M. Macduff

**FATHER:** Cristobal S. Inos

**SISTER:** Denise H. Inos (Elisabeth "Isa" Inos Gardner)

**PARENTS-IN-LAW:** Ray Steven & Barbara Deleon Guerrero Macduff

**BROTHER/SISTERS-IN-LAW:** Sean DLG. & Ashlee T. Macduff (Zachary, Jason)  
Colleen M. & Joey M. Togawa (Gabriella)  
Trini DLG. Macduff

She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and will be greatly missed by many friends.

Mass is offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral and at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church through Monday, October 15, 2012.

Last respects for Ana Blossom will be held at San Francisco De Borja Church in Rota on Monday, October 15, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., burial will follow immediately at San Jose Cemetery in Songsong Village, Rota.

*Your Thoughts and Prayers are Greatly Appreciated*

**Eric, Cris & Family**



# Life & Style

## Man's death after eating roaches raises questions

By SUZETTE LABOY and  
TAMARA LUSH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI (AP)—As a Florida medical examiner tries to determine how 32-year-old Edward Archbold died after eating insects during a contest to win a snake, people around the country are asking: Why?

Why would anyone eat a live cockroach? Why did he die when several others in the contest ate the same bugs without incident? What inspired Archbold—who was described by the snake store owner as “the life of the party”—to shovel handfuls of crickets, worms and cockroaches into his mouth?

While eating bugs is normal in many parts of the world, the practice is taboo in the U.S. and many western countries.

Yet people do it for the shock factor, and many do so during contests or dares; just last year, folks ate Madagascar cockroaches at a Six Flags in Illinois for a chance to win park passes. Also last year, people ate live roaches at the Exploreum Science Center in Mobile, Alabama. And a few years back at Universal Studios in Orlando, contestants in a theme park show purportedly consumed a mix of sour milk, mystery meat and bugs.

Experts point to the rise in reality TV shows and movies such as “Fear Factor” and “Jackass” as egging people on and breaking down the ick factor.

Competitive eaters—like the participants who scarf down hot dogs on Coney Island on the Fourth of July—are quick to distance themselves from stunts



In this frame grab made from video on Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, and provided by Sarah Bernard, Edward Archbold celebrates winning a roach-eating contest at Ben Siegel Reptile Store in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

like cockroach eating. Competitive eating is regulated, has rules, and always has a licensed emergency medical technician on hand at every event.

Lou Manza, a psychology professor at Lebanon Valley College, said folks who participate in extreme events like bug eating “are looking for things to make life interesting.”

“At a certain level we’re all looking for things to break up the monotony,” said Manza, who participates in extreme marathons and says some people think that is odd. “We’re striving for something that gives life meaning, something beyond the ordinary. The older you get, you start looking for something else.”

Extreme eaters also participate mostly for fame and not material goods—and they train heavily for events. Manza added that amateurs don’t “think things through” when throwing themselves into weird and possibly dangerous competitions.

Case in point: In 2007, a 28-year-old mother of three

died after participating in a California radio station contest called “Hold Your Wee for a Wii,” where she tried to drink large quantities of water without urinating in order to win a gaming console. Overconsumption of water throws the body’s electrolyte balance out of whack and can be fatal.

What made Archbold participate in the bug-eating contest is a bit unclear; he had eaten bugs before, said his girlfriend. He had planned on giving the female python to a friend if he won.

Natasha Proffitt, 27, said Archbold told her about the contest just hours before it started on Friday. When she asked him if it was a good idea, he said “it was not a big deal.”

The store, Ben Siegel Reptiles in Deerfield Beach, had been touting the contest for days on its popular Facebook page; earlier on Friday it posted a flyer that said the event was “featuring the soon to be infamous ‘eat bugs for balls’ contest,” referring to the prize of a female

ivory ball python.

Sarah Bernard, an entomology student at the University of Florida, attended the contest—held during the store’s “Midnight Madness Sale”—and shot video on her phone of Archbold during the competition.

“I was focusing on him because I was closest to him and he was really entertaining,” she said of Archbold. “I saw that he had a clear strategy. He would push everything into his mouth and try to swallow it with water. He figured out what worked and he did it.”

She added that the participants competed in several different rounds with different insects, and that the last contest involved the roaches, which were three or four inches (7 ½ to 10 centimeters) long.

“The worm contest happened right before the roach-eating contest. So he ate a very large number of insects,” she said, adding that each round lasted about four minutes.

Archbold won the contest.

Bernard said she did not see Archbold immediately after the competition ended. She recalled that an announcer said “the winner was vomiting somewhere and we’ll congratulate him when he comes back.”

Archbold collapsed in front of the store, according to a Broward Sheriff’s Office statement released Monday. He was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Authorities were awaiting autopsy results to determine a cause of death.

The medical examiner’s office said Tuesday it has sent samples of Archbold’s remains for testing, but results are not expected for another week or two.

## Former teen who had sex with Polanski writing book

NEW YORK (AP)—The former teen whom Roman Polanski was convicted of having sex with—leading to one of Hollywood’s most notorious scandals and the director’s flight from the U.S.—is writing a memoir.

Samantha Geimer, now 47, has a deal with Atria Books for “The Girl: Emerging from the Shadow of Roman Polanski.” Atria, a Simon & Schuster imprint, announced Tuesday that the book will come out next fall. According to Atria, Geimer will provide “insight into many dimensions of the story that have never previously been revealed.”

“I am more than ‘Sex Victim Girl,’ a tag the media pinned on me,” Geimer, who long ago identified herself as Polanski’s victim, said in a statement re-

leased through Atria. “My friends in junior high, scolded by their parents to stay away from that girl, also labeled me. I offer my story now without rage, but with purpose—to share a tale that in its detail will reclaim my identity. I have been dogged by tired thinking and easy tags nearly my entire life. I am not a stick figure. I know what it is like to be a woman and a victim in the realest possible way.”

Financial terms were not disclosed. Geimer’s attorney, Lawrence Silver, will contribute to the book, adding “his insights on the many fascinating and even shocking legal aspects of the story.”

Polanski was accused of plying Geimer with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a 1977 modeling shoot at Jack Nicholson’s house and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.



Polanski

In exchange, a Los Angeles judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sentence him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. He was released after 42 days by an evaluator who deemed him mentally sound and unlikely to offend again, but the judge threatened

further sanctions and Polanski fled the United States.

The 79-year-old Polanski, whose films include “Chinatown” and “Rosemary’s Baby,” is restricted by an Interpol warrant in effect in 188 countries, but he moves freely between Switzerland and France. He was freed from Swiss house arrest in 2010 after the government refused to deport him to the United States.

Geimer sued Polanski in December 1988, alleging sexual assault, intentional infliction of emotional distress and seduction. In 1993, Polanski agreed to pay her \$500,000 to settle the lawsuit, although years later it was unclear if he actually paid. She has said that she forgives him and has joined his bid for dismissal.

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Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

### Synopsis

Tim Burton's 1984 short film Frankenweenie is resurrected for the big screen with this stop-motion 3-D remake, which will once again center on a boy (Charlie Tahan) who reanimates his dead terrier and the suburban fallout that occurs because of it. Big Fish screenwriter John August provides the script for the Walt Disney production.



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Monday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen  
Genre: Thriller • Rated PG13



### Pitch Perfect

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Saturday & Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:55
Monday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt  
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13



### Frankenweenie 2D

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Saturday & Sunday		4:05	
Monday		4:05	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:05	

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau  
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG



### Hotel Transylvania 3D

Friday		7:25	9:50
Saturday & Sunday	1:25	7:25	9:50
Monday	1:25	7:25	
Tuesday thru Thursday		7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG



### Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday		4:25	
Saturday & Sunday		4:25	
Monday		4:25	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG



### DREDD 2D

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Saturday & Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:45
Monday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey  
Genre: Science fiction, Action • Rated R



### Finding Nemo 3D

Friday		4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday & Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
Monday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated G



### Resident Evil: Retribution 2D

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday & Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
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Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez  
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## Repeat offender is ready now to try new path to good job

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My life has always been scary. My parents divorced when I was 3. Dad always seemed to cause trouble for Mom, who struggled to provide for me and my older sister. She always struggled with alcohol and drugs.

I have spent a portion of my life incarcerated, starting when I was a teenager. I'm now 22 and doing time for selling drugs. I have never been able to find a decent job, although I have my GED and tried to attend a school for nursing, but I screwed it up. Selling drugs seemed to be the only way to make enough to support myself.

I'd like to find a decent job with opportunity, and be able to pay my bills and save a little. I'm tired of my crazy lifestyle and want to settle down. How can I go about finding a job? Keep in mind, I don't have a resume and although I have had many jobs, I never stayed very long, and I have a criminal record.

SERVING TIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR SERVING TIME:** I admire that you have decided to change your life and walk the "straight and narrow" from now on. A place to start would be to talk to the prison chaplain. Some religious denominations have programs in place to help inmates and former inmates successfully transition back into society.

The oldest prison/re-entry group in the country is the Pennsylvania Prison Society. Their website is at [prisonsociety.org](http://prisonsociety.org). If they don't serve the community into which you will be released, they will know an organization that does. Their re-entry program helps former prisoners attain self-sufficiency through a four-day job readiness workshop, which teaches the skills necessary to find and keep a job. Pre-registration is recommended, and their phone number is 215-564-6005, ext. 117. Call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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DEAR ABBY: I had my first boyfriend when I was 16. The relationship lasted 13 years and we had a child together. Now that it's over I don't know what to do.

It has been nine months and it seems like my heartache is getting worse. I can't breathe. It feels like my heart has been ripped out of my chest and stepped on. It hurts even more because he started dating immediately after the breakup. I can't even talk to another man. I feel lost and have never been on a date with anyone but my ex.

I feel like I deprived myself of my youth. I cry every day. I can barely watch or see couples without getting depressed and breaking down. I need to see some type of light. Do you have any advice?

DEPRIVED OF MY YOUTH

**DEAR DEPRIVED:** Nine months is a long time to cry every day. You have been hit with what I call a "double-whammy." You are grieving for your lost relationship, and because this was your first and only one, you never learned how to handle a broken romance.

A counselor can help you through your grieving process and, in addition, help you to build the social skills you will need to move forward. Please don't put it off. Do this not only for yourself but also for your child so you can be the most effective parent you can be.

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## One Direction, NFL's Drew Brees join Pepsi for ad

NEW YORK (AP)—One Direction is Pepsi's newest pop star.

The soda company is partnering with the British boy band and National Football League star Drew Brees for an ad that will debut this week. The clip shows One Direction and Brees in a head-to-head competition for a can of Pepsi. Brees also performs with the group. It's part of Pepsi's "Live for Now" campaign, which has also featured Nicki

Minaj and Katy Perry.

PepsiCo Inc. increased its media spending in the United States by more than 40 percent during the second quarter compared with a year ago. After losing market share to the Coca-Cola Co. in recent years, the company has been pouring more money into marketing in hopes of bolstering its flagship soda. In the past, Pepsi has filmed ads with Michael Jackson, Brit-

This Sept. 2, 2012 photo shows the music group One Direction, from left, Liam Payne, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson and Niall Horan during the taping of a Pepsi commercial in New Orleans.

ney Spears and Beyonce.

One Direction, the platinum-selling quartet, had a hit this year with the pop song "What Makes You Beautiful." They'll release their sophomore album, "Take Me Home," on Nov. 13.

Brees is the quarterback for

the New Orleans Saints. The 33-year-old broke an NFL record by throwing a touchdown pass in his 48th straight game Sunday, eclipsing the mark of 47 consecutive games with a touchdown pass set by Johnny Unitas from 1956-60.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Gaga visits WikiLeaks chief at Ecuadorean Embassy

LONDON (AP)—Ecuador's Embassy in London says WikiLeaks boss and would-be refugee Julian Assange has had a celebrity visitor: Lady Gaga. On Monday the 26-year-old American superstar singer posted a photograph of herself standing next to the 41-year-old Australian to her [littlemonsters.com](http://littlemonsters.com) website with the caption: "No headline." The embassy confirmed Lady Gaga's visit Tuesday but gave few other details. An embassy visit would've been convenient: The singer, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, was just down the street at Harrods department store to promote her new perfume, "Lady Gaga Fame." On Tuesday Germanotta was in Iceland, where she received a Lenon Ono Grant for Peace in Reykjavik.

#### 'Jackass' star didn't mean harm with puppy prank

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—"Jackass" star Bam Margera says he condemns animal abuse and didn't mean any harm by a photo posted online showing him holding his pit bull puppy with a toy gun pointed to its head. The 33-year-old Margera had posted the photo on Twitter, saying that if the dog made a mess in his bed again "Penny goes Bye Byes." The Philadelphia Inquirer reports (<http://bit.ly/SL6f9O>) that Margera says he loves animals and wished he had made it more clear the gun was fake. Margera, who is from suburban Philadelphia, says it was a joke. Chester County SPCA officials, however, say it wasn't funny, even for a shock comedian like Margera. SPCA spokesman Rich Britton says Margera "missed the mark on this one."

#### Bret Michaels opens music room at Arizona hospital

PHOENIX (AP)—Former Poison frontman Bret Michaels is showing off a new room for patients and their families at the Phoenix hospital where he was treated for a brain hemorrhage. The musician officially opened the Bret Michaels Hospitality and Music Room inside St. Joseph's Barrow Neurological Institute on Tuesday. The room is located near patients' rooms and features relaxation areas for patients and their families. It is decorated with a music theme and features Michaels' personal music memorabilia. Michaels says he's thrilled to give back to a hospital he credits with saving his life. He was treated at the hospital in April 2010 for a subarachnoid hemorrhage, a life-threatening type of stroke. He then returned to St. Joseph's in 2011 to undergo a heart procedure.

## Rihanna, Minaj lead American Music Awards nominees

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rihanna and Nicki Minaj are the leading nominees at the 40th annual American Music Awards with four nods each.

Christina Aguilera announced the nominations Tuesday in Los Angeles. She also said she plans to perform at the ceremony next month.

Drake, Justin Bieber, Maroon 5, One Direction and Usher earned three bids apiece. Carrie Underwood, Chris Brown, fun., Gotye, J. Cole, Katy Perry,

Kelly Clarkson, Luke Bryan, and Pitbull are each double nominees.

Drake, Bieber, Maroon 5, Katy Perry and Rihanna are also in the running for artist of the year.

Nominees are selected based on broadcast airplay and online popularity. Fans can vote online for their favorites in all 20 categories.

The American Music Awards will be presented Nov. 18 at Nokia Theatre and broadcast live on ABC.

## Led Zeppelin gets tense with reunion questions

NEW YORK (AP)—If Led Zeppelin plans on reuniting, they have a funny way of saying it.

During a news conference Tuesday promoting their 2007 reunion concert film, "Celebration Day," the band became uncomfortable with a question about "anticipating something bigger for the band."

"We've been thinking about all sorts of things, and then we can't remember what we were thinking about," singer Robert Plant said testily. He then referred to the reporter by the pejorative term "schmuck."

Throughout the news confer-

ence, the band fielded questions about a possible reunion, often responding with stoic silence.

At one point, guitarist Jimmy Page mentioned that the reunion concert was five years ago and that if there was a chance they were reuniting, you would have heard.

"Seems pretty unlikely, doesn't it?" Page said.

The film covers their 2007 reunion concert at London's O2 Arena. Original members Plant, Page, and John Paul Jones, as well as the son of the late John Bonham played a one-time tribute concert in honor of Atlantic records founder Ahmet Ertegun.



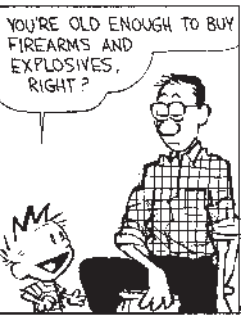
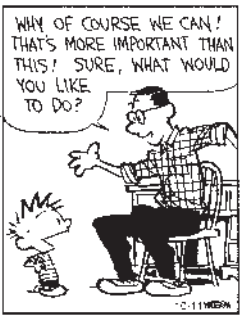
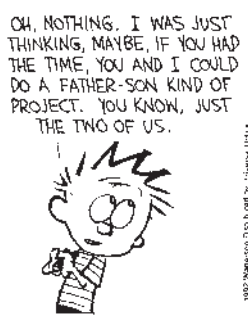
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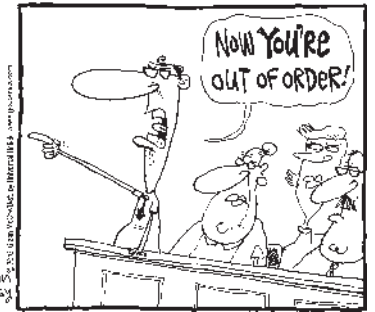
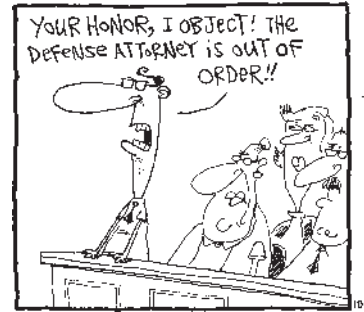
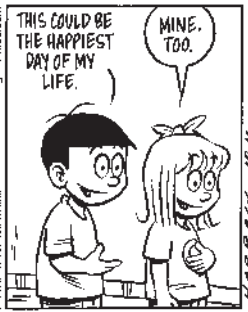


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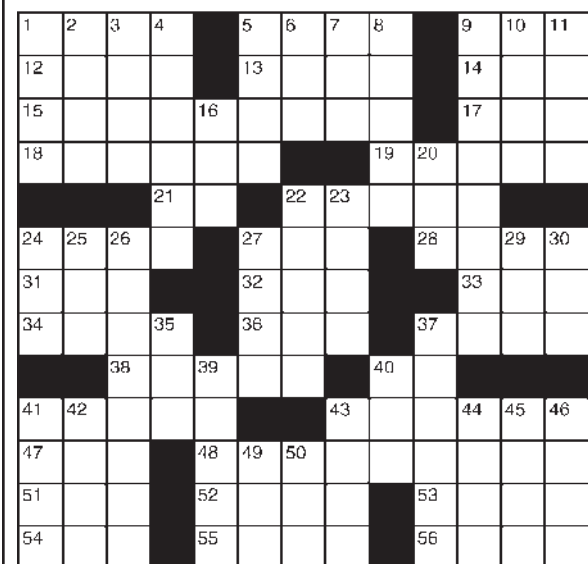
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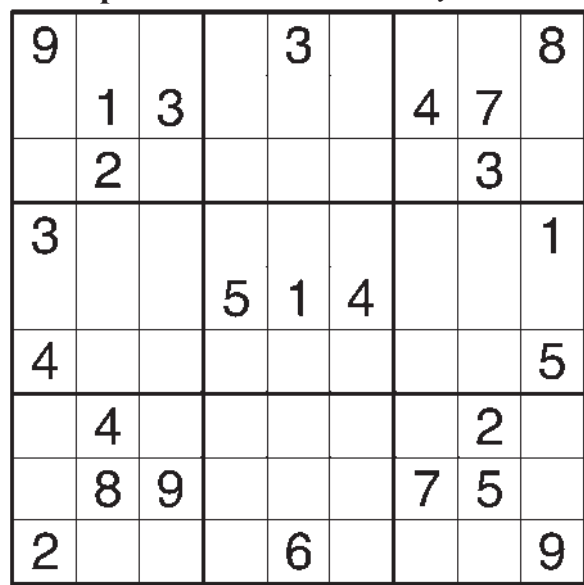
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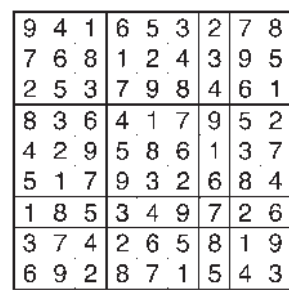
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# Giants foil Reds' bid for sweep



San Francisco Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval tags out Cincinnati Reds' Brandon Phillips at third base in the first inning during Game 3 of the National League division baseball series, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, in Cincinnati. AP



**CINCINNATI** (AP)—Joaquin Arias hit a grounder toward third base and took off, covering those 90 feet in a blink as a full-to-capacity ballpark went silent with angst.

Which would get there first, the infielder or the ball? Who would win the decisive playoff dash?

"That's the fastest I've ever run to first," Arias said.

Fast enough to extend the San Francisco Giants' season one more day.

Reds third baseman Scott Rolen bobbled the short-hop, giving Arias enough time to beat the throw as the go-ahead run scored for a 2-1 victory Tuesday night that avoided an NL division series sweep.

Hardly able to get a hit the last two games, the Giants turned a passed ball and a misplayed grounder into a win that cut their series deficit to 2-1 and extended Cincinnati's 17 years of home postseason futility.

"These are the type of games we've played all season long," said Sergio Romo, who pitched the last two innings for the win. "We are a gritty and grinding team."

And, with their season on the line, a little lucky, too.

"We got a break there at the end," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Left-hander Barry Zito will pitch Game 4 on Wednesday for the Giants, who have won the last 11 times he started. The Reds have to decide whether to try ace Johnny Cueto, forced out of the opener in San Francisco on Saturday with spasms in his back and side.

Manager Dusty Baker said after the game that they hadn't decided whether to let Cueto try it, bring back Mat

Latos on short rest again, or replace Cueto with Mike Leake, who wasn't on the division series roster.

Switching out Cueto would leave the Reds ace ineligible to pitch in the championship series should the Reds get that far.

"It's very difficult, but it all depends on if your ace can't go or whatever it is," Baker said. "That's part of the conversation - us going without him. We realize what's at stake."

They were hoping to avoid having to make that choice. One grounder forced the issue.

The Giants managed only three hits against Homer Bailey and the Reds bullpen, but got two of them in the 10th - along with a passed ball by Ryan Hanigan - to pull it out. San Francisco won despite striking out 16 times.

Rolen, an eight-time Gold Glove winner, couldn't cleanly come up with Arias' grounder, which put him in a tough position.

"I've gone through the play many times in my mind between then and now, and I think I would play it the same way," Rolen said. "It hit my glove. I just couldn't get it to stick."

The Reds haven't won a home playoff game since 1995, the last time they reached the NL championship series. One win away from making it back there, they couldn't beat a Giants team that has barely been able to get a hit.

San Francisco got only two hits while losing 9-0 on Sunday night, setting up that 2-0 deficit in the series. The Giants had only one single in seven innings off Homer Bailey, making his first start at Great American Ball Park since his Sept. 28 no-hitter in Pittsburgh.

Fortunately for the Giants, Bailey's one lapse led to a run. He hit a

batter, walked another and gave up a sacrifice fly by Angel Pagan in the third inning.

That was it until the 10th, with the Giants going down swinging - the Reds set a season high with 16 strikeouts. Closer Aroldis Chapman got a pair of strikeouts on 100 mph fastballs during a perfect ninth inning, keeping it tied at 1.

San Francisco's one-hit wonders finally got it going against Jonathan Broxton, who gave up leadoff singles by Buster Posey - the NL batting champion - and Hunter Pence, who pulled his left calf on a wild swing before getting his hit.

With two outs, Hanigan couldn't come up with a pitch, letting the runners advance. Moments later, Cincinnati's chance for a sweep was over.

Instead, a Reds team that lost a lot—closer Ryan Madson in spring training, top hitter Joey Votto for six weeks at midseason, Baker for the NL Central clincher, Cueto in the first inning of the first playoff game - ended up with another playoff loss at home. Baker was back in the home dugout at Great American for the first time in nearly a month, recovered from an irregular heartbeat and a mini-stroke. After a pregame ovation, he settled in his red folding chair with a toothpick on his lips.

The 63-year-old manager watched his pitching staff dominate again, but fail to get that breakthrough win. This time, the offense came up short, getting only four hits.

Cincinnati hasn't won a home playoff game since beating the Dodgers 10-1 at Riverfront Stadium for a three-game division sweep in the 1995 NLDS. They then got swept by Atlanta.

## Anderson pitches A's past Tigers

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—The Oakland Athletics will play another day in this improbable season full of remarkable rallies.

These A's never count themselves out—down and doubted is their dogma.

Brett Anderson outdueled fellow postseason first-timer Anibal Sanchez and the upstart Athletics showed off stellar defense all over the diamond, avoiding another playoff sweep by Detroit by beating the Tigers 2-0 Tuesday night in their AL division series.

The A's cut their deficit in the best-of-five matchup to 2-1.

Coco Crisp, whose misplay dearly cost Oakland in Game 2, saved a likely home run by Prince Fielder with a leaping catch at the top of the center-field wall in the second inning.

"You see him hit it and you just kind of put your head down a little bit because you think you just gave up a homer," Anderson said. "Then you see him plow through there and catch the ball and it kind of kick starts you to go out there and make pitches."

Yoenis Cespedes hit an RBI single in the first inning and Seth Smith homered in the fifth. That was plenty on a night Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera, Fielder and the Tigers' high-priced offense were shut down by the low-budget A's.

Tigers 16-game winner Max Scherzer

will try to close out the series in Game 4 Wednesday night against A's rookie A.J. Griffin. Detroit swept the A's in the 2006 AL championship series.

Fielder was the biggest victim of Oakland's spot-on defense, robbed three times. First by Crisp, Oakland's most experienced player whose blunder on Cabrera's fly allowed two runs to score in a 5-4 loss Sunday in Detroit.

"Not to be all over-confident or anything, I think I'm going to catch everything out there," Crisp said. "Obviously it doesn't happen that way - duh Detroit, right?"

Crisp let out a big "Whoo!" after raising his arm to signal he'd made the grab.

"Coco's catch, the ball was out of the ballpark and it came back," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "The key to that play was he was playing deep and that enabled him to get into a spot to get up and make the catch. And it was a great catch, no doubt about it."

A's shortstop Stephen Drew made a tough play running to his left to stop Fielder's grounder in the fourth and then threw to first while still off balance and in motion.

Then, in the seventh, Cespedes cut over to make a diving catch on Fielder's liner to left field.

That delighted the yellow towel-waving sellout crowd of 37,090 in this blue-collar city.

## A-Rod's struggles at plate hurting Yankees in ALDS

**NEW YORK** (AP) -- For all of his home runs, All-Star accolades and huge salaries, Alex Rodriguez finds himself in a most familiar spot this season.

A-Rod is an October lightning rod.

With every swing and miss, memories of his amazing run during the New York Yankees' championship season in 2009 fade even further. Instead, fans are becoming more and more vocal, calling for manager Joe Girardi to drop him from the No. 3 spot in the lineup.

Rodriguez struck out to end the Yankees' 3-2 loss to the Baltimore Orioles in Game 2 of their division series Monday night, leaving the best-of-five matchup tied at 1.

He's fanned plenty of times - five in all while going 1 for 9 so far in the series.

"I feel fine at the plate," Rodriguez said after the loss. "I've just got to finish at-bats. I'm getting good swings."

He'll have the chance to turn things around Wednesday night when the series shifts to the Bronx for Game 3. Hiroki Kuroda (16-11) starts for New York against Miguel Gonzalez (9-4), a rookie right-hander who has 17 strikeouts in 13 2-3 innings against the Yankees in two starts.

After their train experienced an electrical outage after the loss Monday and turned a usual 2-hour, 15-minute trip to New York into a 5-hour journey, manager Joe Girardi was reluctant to address the Yankees' more pressing

power problem Tuesday.

"I think that we're going to do whatever it takes to win this three-game series. Nothing that we do will be something that is just a knee-jerk reaction," Girardi said. "The great thing about this is I have a great group of guys that's very unselfish, and they really want to win. And that's what we're going to do, what we think is best to win."

Always protective of his players, Girardi might be choosing to coddle Rodriguez after watching Joe Torre cause a stir in 2006 by dropping the 14-time All-Star to eighth in the Yankees order against the Detroit Tigers in the first round.

"Sometimes it's just not as easy as just writing a name or taking a guy out, a pitcher out. You have to think about the emotional part," Girardi said. "You always have to think about that as a manager."

A big fan of the numbers, all collated in his ever-present binder, Girardi need not look too deep to see that the 37-year-old Rodriguez is not the same player that has amassed 647 homers, fewer than only Willie Mays, Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds.

The third baseman hit only 18 home runs and had a .430 slugging percentage while driving in just 57 runs in 122 games this season, exclusively batting third or fourth for the team that scored the second most runs in the majors with 804.



# Donovan ruled out of World Cup qualifiers



**MIAMI (AP)**—Landon Donovan will not play for the U.S. national team in a pair of upcoming World Cup qualifying matches because of an injured left knee, adding to what will be a pressure-filled few days for the Americans.

U.S. Soccer said Tuesday that Donovan - who has more goals, assists and starts than any player in program history - will likely not be replaced on what was a 24-man roster for the upcoming qualifiers, first on Friday on the road against Antigua and Barbuda, then in Kansas City on Oct. 16 against Guatemala.

Donovan was injured while playing Saturday for the Los Angeles Galaxy. He was selected by U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann for these qualifiers anyway, and the team's athletic trainers wanted him to be evaluated one more time before he started training.

Donovan had scrapped plans for an MRI in Los Angeles on Monday because he thought his knee had improved.



AP  
Los Angeles Galaxy's Landon Donovan, left, sits on the bench after injuring his leg during the second half of an MLS soccer match against Real Salt Lake, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, in Carson, Calif.

"Landon was very optimistic over the weekend when his knee was feeling much better, but now he needs time to recover," Klinsmann said.

Both the national team and the Galaxy said Donovan was returning to Los Angeles for further evaluation.

That was not the outcome anyone expected. Hours before the Donovan decision was announced, Klinsmann said the Americans had "very, very positive" about his status.

"You want your leaders on the team there," Klinsmann said.

Brek Shea was also ruled out of the qualifiers on Tuesday because of an abdominal injury. Barring a change of plans, that means Klinsmann will take only 22 players to Antigua for what would seem to be a must-win match on Friday night.

"We knew Brek was a question mark coming in, and now we have a clear picture of where he stands," Klinsmann said. "We feel confident that the group we have will get the job done."

It is not shaping up as an easy task, with three teams playing for two spots in next year's regional finals.

The U.S., Guatemala and Jamaica all have seven points after the first four matches of play in this qualifying round, while Antigua and Barbuda has one point. For the U.S. to reach next

year's regional finals, four points - a win and a tie - would seem to be the most probable requirement.

Guatemala figures to have the toughest draw remaining of the three teams atop Group A, having to play both Jamaica (which would currently be the odd team out because of a goal-differential tiebreaker) and the U.S.

If the Americans win on Friday, they would control their destiny as far as reaching the next round, no matter what the Guatemala-Jamaica result is that same night.

"You don't want to rely on other people," U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "We should have done business before these two games, but we didn't, so now there's pressure on us to do that."

There was some good news on the injury front for the Americans on Tuesday, with midfielder Michael Bradley able to train with teammates. Bradley has been dealing with a leg injury.

About 10 of the 24 players on the roster missed a Tuesday morning training session for a variety of reasons - from jet lag to treatment of minor injuries. Klinsmann said he expected the full roster to be available for a gym session later in the day, and the assumption was that they would all be ready for training Wednesday as well.

Midfielder Jermaine Jones (left ankle) was among those not at training on Tuesday; he leads all American players in appearances (10) and minutes (877) this year, and the expectation is that he will be able to play on Friday. And with the way the injuries are shaking out, Graham Zusi would most likely get the call to play on the wide right side of the midfield.

"We're here to get six points," Klinsmann said. "This is our goal and what we want to achieve."

## Armstrong renews criticism of USADA

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—With U.S. anti-doping officials set to issue their report on the Lance Armstrong case, a lawyer for the cyclist on Tuesday again criticized the process which led to Armstrong being banned from the sport for life.

In a five-page letter to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, Armstrong attorney Tim Herman said the agency should send the International Cycling Union its entire evidence file in the Armstrong case, not just a limited report packaged to support the sanctions.

USADA officials have said they expect to send their "reasoned decision" report to UCI this week.

"The rules require us to provide a reasoned decision in every case and we are happy to let the evidence speak for itself," USADA spokesperson Annie Skinner said.

Herman's letter accused USADA of acting as "prosecutor, judge, jury, appellate court and executioner" in issuing a "biased, one-sided and untested version of events."

Armstrong, who insists he never cheated and points to hundreds of passed drug tests, could have challenged the evidence in a USADA

arbitration hearing. But after he lost a federal lawsuit to block USADA's case, Armstrong announced Aug. 23 he would no longer fight doping allegations that dogged most of his career.

The 41-year-old Armstrong retired in 2011. Armstrong won the Tour de France each year from 1999 to 2005, but USADA said those victories are now erased when it banned him.

USADA says it has strong evidence of drug use by Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service teams, including steroids, blood boosters and other blood-doping techniques. The agency says as many as 10 former teammates were willing to testify against him.

Also charged and awaiting an arbitration hearing are former team director Johan Bruyneel and a member of the team's medical staff.

Among the witnesses against Armstrong are Floyd Landis, whose 2006 Tour de France title was stripped after he was caught using steroids, and Tyler Hamilton, who also was caught doping in his career. Hamilton recently wrote a book detailing his drug use and allegations that Armstrong took steroids and blood boosters when

they were teammates.

"USADA will no doubt accept the stories told by Floyd Landis and Tyler Hamilton as gospel," Herman wrote, adding "A 'reasoned decision' would include all prior inconsistent statements by these witnesses."

Herman's letter also recounted part of Armstrong's lawsuit that was dismissed by a federal judge in August - that USADA did not have jurisdiction to pursue the case and that it violated its own 8-year statute of limitations.

The letter also noted that the law firm hired by USADA has also done work for tobacco companies, which have fought against anti-smoking legislation that Armstrong has supported in several states, most recently in California.

The Armstrong case has caused a tug of war in the sport. The International Cycling Union challenged USADA's authority to bring the case against Armstrong. The World Anti-Doping Agency has supported USADA's authority in the case.

After receiving the report, the UCI could appeal the sanctions against Armstrong to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

training camp except full-court contact.

The six-time All-Star center had surgery on his back last spring.

Howard hasn't projected a date for his Lakers debut, but is hopeful he can participate in a preseason game. After Wednesday's visit from the Trail Blazers, the Lakers will have six more exhibitions before their season opener Oct. 30 against Dallas.

## Commissioner Goodell re-issues bounty discipline



**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** -- NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld the suspensions of Jonathan Vilma and Will Smith on Tuesday for their role in the New Orleans Saints bounty scandal and reduced penalties for Scott Fujita and Anthony Hargrove.

Though an appeal panel created by the NFL's labor agreement vacated the original suspensions on technical grounds, Goodell ruled he was sticking with his decision to suspend Vilma for the season and Smith for four games.

Hargrove, a free agent defensive lineman, will face a two-game suspension once he signs with a team. He originally was hit with eight games, but that was reduced to seven with five games already served. Fujita, who plays for Cleveland, will now miss only one game instead of three.

The responses of Vilma, Smith and the NFL Players Association left little doubt that the seven-month-old bounty saga is far from over.

Vilma said on Twitter that the new ruling "this is not news to me pride won't let him admit he's wrong." Smith issued a statement saying he will continue to explore his appeal options.

Vilma's attorney, Peter Ginsberg, said

in a statement that Goodell's new ruling "continues his previous grossly misplaced interpretation of the 'evidence.' What the Commissioner did today is not justice, nor just. The suspension has the fingerprints of lawyers trying to fit a square peg into a round hole."

The players were implicated in what the NFL said was a bounty pool run by former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams and paid improper cash bonuses for hits that injured opponents. The players have acknowledged a pool but denied they intended to injure anyone.

The players can delay their suspensions by appealing again through their labor contract, which they have three days to do. They could also ask a federal judge in New Orleans to revisit their earlier request for an injunction blocking the suspensions.

Goodell, meanwhile, stood by the substance of the investigation began when allegations were first brought to the league's attention three seasons ago.

"The quality, specificity and scope of the evidence supporting the findings of conduct detrimental (to the game) are far greater and more extensive than ordinarily available in such cases," Goodell said in a memorandum to the 32 clubs.

## Howard cleared for more practice



**EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)**—Dwight Howard has been cleared for limited five-on-five scrimmages with the Los Angeles Lakers in his latest step back from offseason surgery.

Howard won't play in the Lakers' next preseason game Wednesday night against Portland in Ontario, Calif.

Howard was cleared Tuesday for limited participation in full-court scrimmages with contact. He had participated in every other aspect of the Lakers' practices during



# Rain hampers soccer, basketball games

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Soccer and outdoor basketball matches were suspended anew yesterday, as continues rain brought by Typhoon Prapiroon made the games venues unplayable.

The M-League called off the Division 2 tiff between MP United FC and Matansa FC at the soggy Oleai Sports Complex Field. Last Sunday, the league also called off the three matches set for Week 3 of the fall season. Wild Bill's were supposed to meet Korean Football Association on Saipan in the first Division 1 match last weekend, while Tan Holdings FC was set to collide against Paire in the second pairing.

The third game was to feature Division 2 teams Kanoa Resort and Shirley's FC.

Week 3 matches will be re-scheduled on a later date and M-League organizers is hoping that Mother Nature will cooperate this weekend to resume action at the Oleai pitch.

The CNMI has been experiencing heavy downpour since last week due to the Typhoon Prapiroon, which as of yesterday morning was moving 795

miles northwest of Yap, 810 miles north-northwest of Koror, and 995 miles west-northwest of Guam, according to the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

If the sun shows up this Sunday, M-League will go ahead with its Week 4 matches, featuring Paire and Wild Bill's at 2pm; KFAS and Inter Godfather's at 4pm; and MP United and Kanoa Resort at 6pm. Then on Wednesday, Matansa is set to

duel Shirley's FC at 6:30pm.

Meanwhile, organizers of the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League were also forced to suspend three playoff games last Wednesday night.

The playoff match of Pool B top finisher Anjie's Boys against Pool A No.4-ranked and defending champion KFC/Taco Bell at 6:30pm will be played this Saturday at the same time. Also set for this weekend are the continuation of the Gualo Rai-Blue Haus tiff after the first match and the third game

between Pool A top placer San Antonio and Pool B last qualifier QQ Rent A Car. Winners of these matches will join Zhaila's All-Starz in the semifinals.

Gualo Rai and Blue Haus will only play the fourth quarter of their rained-out match last Monday night with the former ahead, 59-47. The game was suspended after the third canto as heavy rains fell at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. Zhaila's was fortunate to complete its playoff assignment, beating LD Prime in the first game last Monday night, 95-82.

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free throws to remain unbeaten in eight games. PIC will go for a regular season sweep this Saturday when it faces Hi-Five (4-2).

Fitial made the equalizer in the last 2 seconds of the regulation after he received the inbound pass from Ben Lisua and pulled up for a triple from the right key against Brett Sutton and Darwin Barbo.

However, the Hoops failed to bring its momentum in overtime, as fatigue from playing catch up since the second half caught up with the team.

PIC on the other hand contin-

ued to be active with Sutton penetrating the Hoops slow defense and drawing fouls early in the extra frame. Sutton went 3-for-4 from the foul line and then nailed a basket off a spin move to put PIC on top, 73-68.

Darwin Barbo added another charity to make it a 6-point game before the Hoops broke the spell in the last two minutes with Mel Manibusan nailing a short jumper and Walter Mendez connecting on a putback off his own miss. The Hoops had a chance to tie the game after PIC missed anew, however Sutton challenged Lisua's reverse layup and the former faltered.

PIC went on to seal the win after going 6-for-8 from the foul

line in the last one minute of the extension.

The Hoops dropped to a 4-3 record for fourth place in the team standings despite getting off a good start, leading PIC, 23-15. Five players converted at least two field goals each for the Hoops in the first canto.

However, the league frontunner stepped up on defense in the second canto, limiting the Hoops to 10 points to steal the lead, 36-33. Only Mendez and Lisua made more than one field goal in their second-canto meltdown.

PIC stretched the lead to 10 going into the final two minutes of the third, 52-42, but an 8-2 windup capped by Edwin Camacho's triple in the closing

seconds put the Hoops back in the game, 50-54.

A 7-0 start in the fourth canto, punctuated by a triple from Trevor Ogumoro, gave the Hoops the lead momentarily before Wowie Abuel brought order back to PIC. Abuel scored seven straight points to reclaim the lead, 61-57, but PIC failed to close the game in regulation as James Abuy was called for a traveling violation in the last 4 seconds after an inbound play, returning possession to the Hoops and paving the way for Fitial's game-tying basket.

## Archers 97, Servitek 73

In the first game, the Archers got

their second straight win after whipping Servitek (0-7).

The Archers now have a 2-4 card for the No. 6 spot in the team standings, ahead of Armatech (1-5), and Fong's Bakery (1-5), and all three are assured of playoffs seats, while Servitek is out of the running.

Kae Bernardo and Ivan Devero scored 26 and 25 points, respectively, to lead the Archers' lopsided win.

The Archers held a shaky 21-20 lead after the first period before controlling the game in the second canto and taking a 50-32 halftime advantage en route to the 24-point winning margin.

## First Game

**Archers 97** – Bernardo 26, Devero 25, Mendoza 15, David 7, Barrios 6, Claveria 5, Muleta 4, Anicete 3, Danipog 2, Usi 2.

**Servitek 73** – Kenty 24, Brenna 22, Jose 16, Detera 4, Morales 3, Alano 2, Esconde 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-20, 50-32, 71-60, 97-73.

## Second Game

**PIC 80** – Sutton 25, Barbo 16, Abuel 13, Abuy 10, Demapan 6, Salem 5, Babauta 3.

**Hoopholics 72** – Manibusan 15, Ogumoro 12, Mendez 10, Lisua 10, Fitial 9, Tenorio 5, Camacho 5, Babauta 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-23, 36-33, 54-50, 80-72.

## PITCHING

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pared to the latter's 20.

While they remain the only two pitchers left with perfect ERAs, the O's Mike Muna is sitting incredibly strong in third place. Muna improved his ERA nine points since the previous statistics were released for a rock solid 0.27 ERA mark through 25 and 2/3 innings. His seven unearned runs are four

fewer than Wanket, and the former has also given up one less hit than his rival's 15 despite having almost six more innings of work under his belt.

The Reds' Lancaster Secharmedal (0.69ERA/20.1IP) resides in fourth place and dipped a little, while Rockies' Leroy Regis (1.05/26.2), Orioles' Jake Santos (1.06/26.1), Dodgers' Joseph Atalig (1.45/19.1), Reds' Peter Lieto (1.62/17.1), Keene Guerrero (1.68/16.2), and Rockies' Brett Halstead (1.75/20),

rounded out the Top 10. Lieto still leads the strikeout race with 35 and fronts Regis (30), Secharmedal (28), Muna (23), and Atalig (21).

In pitching, the Rockies' Ricardo Dela Cruz switched place with Secharmedal. Dela Cruz boasts 15 hits in 36 at bats for a .417 batting average and he is the only player with at least 30 at bats swing above .400.

Coming in at second is Muna (.387), followed by Secharmedal (.382), Lieto (.382), Orioles'

Jun Rabauliman (.378), Regis (.333), O's AJ Lizama (.316), Reds' Ian Rogolifoi (.314), and the Orioles' Poland Masaharu (.282) and Camacho (.282).

Rogolifoi still heads in runs batted in with nine, but Dela Cruz (7) kept pace and Dodgers' Anthony Guerrero (6) rose from a cluster of notables to third place. Guerrero passed Camacho, Muna, Rabauliman, and Jake Flores, who have all batted in a handful of runs thus far.

In addition, Dela Cruz and

Guerrero each cranked a triple recently, which gave the Dodgers' Alex Mongkeya some company. More contenders were added to the doubles race, as Dela Cruz and Rabauliman had to welcome Muna and the Dodgers' Brian Camacho. The foursome has tallied three doubles apiece and leads a handful of others by one.

Rabauliman's 14 runs still lead the category, but he is still feeling heat from teammate Masaharu (13), Secharmedal (12),

and Frankie Camacho (12).

Meanwhile, team standings show the Orioles comfortably in first place with their 10-3 record, while the Reds (8-6) are in second, ahead of the Dodgers (5-6), and the Rockies (2-10) bringing up the rear. Organizers are hoping to start the playoffs on Oct 20.

Games are played at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays with weekly double headers on Saturdays starting at 4pm.

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to win overall honors in the Micro Cup, achieving the feat in 2009 in Palau.

The organizing Northern Marianas National Paddle Sport Federation is expecting more teams from Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, Palau, and Yap.

Richard Sikkell of NMNPSF has estimated that

about 200 individuals will participate in the two-day event or 25 to 30 total crews will join the action.

The competition begins with the 500-meter sprint and 1,500-meter distance events, while the long distance treks are saved for Day 2. The tournament will have separate races for men's, women's, mixed, and junior (U18) divisions.

The Top 3 finishers of each event, per division, will receive

trophies, while one group will also be declared overall Marianas Cup champion.

The NMNPSF has already received pledges from several donors in addition to other contributions such as \$1,000 cash from Duty Free Shoppers, and is currently working to gather even more support from the community to come up with additional prizes for the winning teams.

Some other contributions

include in-kind donations from United Airlines and Kanoa Resort in the form of reduced airfare and discounted hotel room rates for visiting competitors. United Airlines has also donated plane tickets as prizes.

Moreover, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation is sponsoring the awards banquet, which will also be held at Kanoa Resort. The NMNPSF is grateful for all of the donations it has received and

looks forward to having more donors engage in this important community event.

This marks Saipan's fifth time to host the competition and organizers urge the public to come out and observe the races to cheer on their favorite teams.

Founded in 1999, the Micro Cup's intention remains to reinvigorate the sport of outrigger canoeing around the region.

Saipan, Guam, and Palau take

turns every year in hosting the popular two-day paddling regatta, which in the past, has also featured visiting teams from Australia and Singapore.

Organizers welcome any interested volunteers as well as donations and requests supporters to visit microcup2012.blogspot.com; or contact either saipanoutrigger@gmail.com; Sikkell at rsikkell@opticom.com; or call Kaity Mattos at 285-5253, for more information.

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Cybertech fought from behind all day and despite its cold start, it heated up halfway through the game and somehow peaked at just the right time.

LBT was still ahead at the end of the third period, 50-45, before Jun Abedes and Rey Culala sparked Cybertech's recovery, teaming up for 9 points at the start of the final period. Tamondong then nailed the deadly pair of strikes from

behind the arch, while Dante Tabora got a pair of pressure free throws to drop in between the pivotal treys to complete the victory.

LBT lost the match despite working out a 15-11 favor in the opening 10 minutes. Felix Palacios led LBT's good start with his 8 points and they constructed a 32-24 cushion at halftime, as Elmer Pineda and Teddy Bugay each chipped in 6 markers apiece in the second quarter.

Tabora scrambled for 9 points in the first two frames for Cybertech and was relieved to get

some assistance from Abedes after the break. Actually, Abedes did more than just assist his pal, as he more or less carried Cybertech through the third quarter with his 13 points to slice the deficit to 5.

Abedes paced Cybertech with 24 points. Pineda also had 24 markers, but was held to 5 points in the fourth canto.

## LBT 85, Fong's Bakery 70

LBT avoided a Sunday shutout, as it defeated Fong's Bakery in their 50A match.

LBT also started slow and was behind, 21-17, after the opening canto. Romy Bernardo and Romy Bateria combined for a baker's dozen out of the gate to give Fong's the early lead.

Alex Ocampo kept LBT in pursuit with his 8 points in the first quarter and added 10 in the second verse to help lock it at halftime, 38-all.

Ocampo kept his hot hands after the pause and tallied 9 more points in the third quarter, as LBT turned the tables on Fong's at the end of the third, 63-54.

Fong's went on to trade baskets with LBT in the fourth canto, allowing the latter to secure the 15-point win.

Ocampo led all scorers with his 33 points, while Bernardo paced Fong's on the short end with his 24.

Matches in the 35A and 40A were also played last Sunday and results will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday edition.

## 45A Division

**Cybertech 66** – Abedes 24, Tabora 13, Tamondong 13, Buenabaja 6, Garcia 4, Culala 4.

**LBT 65** – Pineda 24, F Palacios 13, Bugay 9, J. Palacios 8, Sahagun 6, Tipples 5.

**Scoring by quarters:** 11-15, 24-32, 45-50, 66-65.

## 50A Division

**LBT 85** – Ocampo 33, Tipples 15, J. Palacios 14, Sahagun 6, Miday 6, Abadilla 2, R. Celis 2, R. Santos 2.

**Fong's Bakery 70** – R. Bernardo 24, Duenas 11, Espinosa 10, Pepito 9, Bateria 8, Aguilar 8, Alejandro 6, Betry 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-21, 38-38, 63-54, 85-70.





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## PIC survives Hoopaholics in OT



PIC's Wowie Abuel, right, steps on the breaks, as the Hoops' Dexter Tenorio reaches in to steal the ball from the backcourt during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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**P**acific Islands Club flirted with ending its streak before eking out a tough 80-72 overtime win over the persistent Hoopaholics/Oceanside Bar in the second game in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## 10 teams confirmed stint in Micronesian Cup

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Ten teams have already registered to compete in the 14th Annual Micronesian Cup, which will be held on Oct. 27 and 28 at the Kanoa Resort.

The list includes groups from Saipan's four active canoe clubs: Hoe Lokahi Canoe Club, Marianas Pacific Paddlers, the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club, and Saipan Paddlers Club. Notably, SOCC men's crew was the last team from Saipan

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The Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club men's team digs hard down the homestretch in a local paddling competition organized by the Hoe Lokahi Canoe Club last June in the waters off Kilili Beach.

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## Pitching leaders hang on; Dela Cruz tops batting



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The Rockies' Ricardo Dela Cruz gets ready to unload a big swing in this file photo taken during their earlier game in the SML/DYS-18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The pitching pacesetters in the 2012 Saipan Major League Baseball Association-Division of Youth Service's 18U Triple A

Championship Youth Baseball League remain unscathed, while the batting race has a new leader.

The Orioles' Frankie Camacho and Reds' Kanoa Wanket preserved their perfect 0.00 Earned Run Averages, as the former increased his overall workload to 17 innings com-

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## Cybertech escapes past LBT



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LBT's Alex Ocampo, right, posts up on Fong's Bakery's Mike Berty during their 50A division game in the Masters recreational league last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Onyok Tamondong buried a pair of clutch three-pointers to lift

Cybertech past LBT, 66-65, during their 45A division game in the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI's 2012 Recreational Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Gymnasium.

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